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Contact lost with airliner sent to Iran

KUWAIT has lost contact with an airliner it sent to Iran yesterday to fly out 24 women freed from the hijacked Kuwait Airways jet, a Kuwaiti aviation official said.

Ahmed Al Zabin, director-general of Kuwait Airways Corporation, said the airline had planned to evacuate the women as soon as possible.

A Kuwaiti delegation, including Foreign Ministry officials and the airline's chief pilots and other personnel left for the north-eastern Iranian city of Mashhad earlier yesterday in a Boeing 747.

"They had very clear instructions to bring the women hostages to Kuwait as soon as possible," Zabin said.

Arrival

"The problem is that communications with the plane have been cut since its arrival in Mashhad. We have no idea why the delay."

"We are giving this our utmost attention and are doing everything possible to bring these passengers to Kuwait and their final destinations," Zabin said.

He had no information on the identity of the hijackers or how they evaded what he described as the airline's normally tight security measures.

"We have no means of communication with either aircraft. We have tried all ways and means without success," Zabin said.

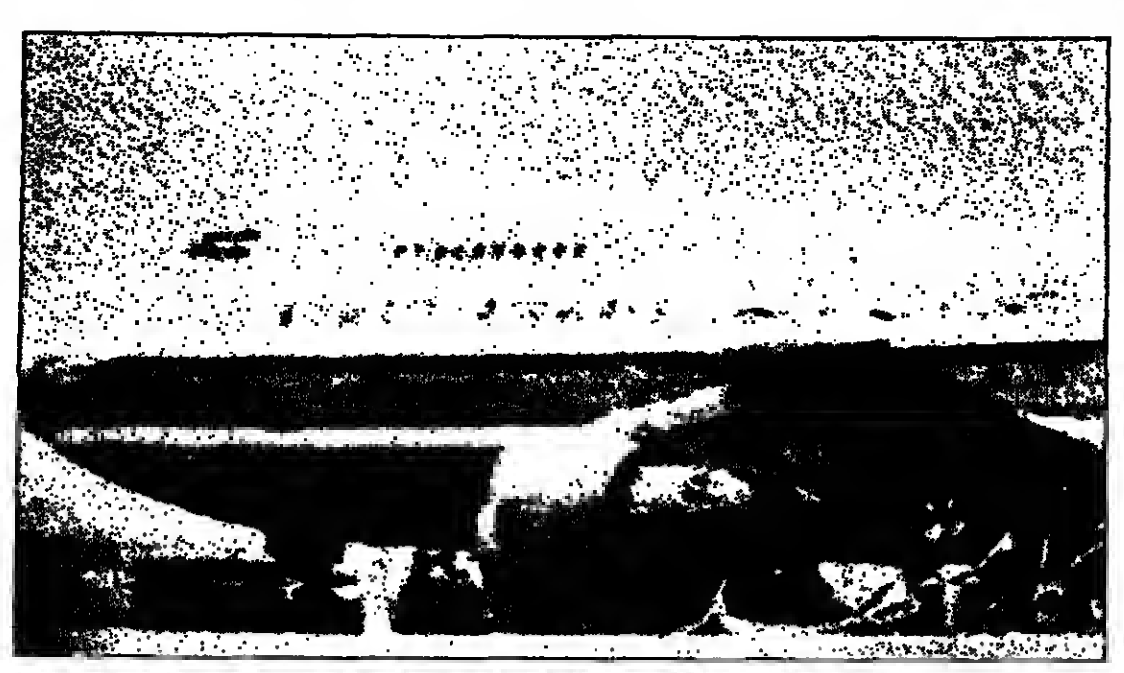
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Iran will refuel jumbo jet Kuwait rejects hijackers' demand

NICOSIA, April 6, (Agencies): Kuwait has rejected the demand of hijackers holding 87 people aboard a Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 at Mashhad airport in northeast Iran.

Meanwhile, a Tehran official said the Iranian authorities would allow the jumbo jet to be refueled to "prevent disaster."

The Iranian news agency Irna said the Kuwaiti government had "categorically rejected a demand by the hijackers to release 17 political prisoners in Kuwait jails."



The hijacked airliner at the tarmac of Mashhad airport. (Reuter wirephoto)

Demand

Irna, said Kuwait termed the demands blackmail but added that it was ready to meet any other demand by the hijackers as long as it was free of "pressure, blackmailing and threat."

The Kuwaiti cabinet met in an emergency session under HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah on Tuesday night, and declared it would not give in to "blackmail."

An official source in the Kuwait Foreign Ministry today said that the hijacked airplane was still in the Iranian port of Mashhad with most of the passengers on board including two Kuwaiti ladies.

The hijackers have freed 24 women passengers and one sick man. The plane originally had 97 passengers and 15 crew.

The source added that the released passengers are in all good health condition and are currently in one of Mashhad's hotels.

A Kuwaiti delegation that arrived in Mashhad today afternoon called on the released passengers.

Those freed included 10 Britons, three Thais, three Egyptians, one Filipino, one Palestinian, one Singaporean, one Irish, one West German, one Austrian, one Syrian and one Pakistani.

Arab Times reporter Lima Al Khalafawi adds, the delegation includes the director of the

undersecretary's office at the Foreign Ministry, Ahmed Al Fahd, the chief of protocol, Ahmed Al Ayoub, the director of the GCC department, Khaled Al Jarallah, and the former Charge d'Affaires at the Kuwait Embassy in Tehran, Kazem Maarafi.

Fuel

Tehran Radio quoted unnamed authorities at the Mashhad airport as saying they would supply fuel to the hijacked Kuwait Airways Boeing 747.

"To prevent any calamity or incident we will provide fuel for the plane," the radio quoted the authorities as saying.

There was no word as to whether the plane would depart nor was there any indication what its destination might be.

Food was brought to the plane at 10:45 pm (1915 GMT), the official Irna reported.

More than an hour after the plane was still parked at the airport with all its cabin lights off and there had been no contact with the tower since the food was brought, the agency said.

It quoted a Jordanian passenger as saying there were five or six hijackers aboard the jetliner, wearing masks and armed with pistols and hand grenades.

But a freed Filipino air hostess said there were seven to 10 hijackers.

Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri said on TV tonight that talks were continuing between Iranian and Kuwaiti officials over the hijacking and he hoped for an incident-free solution.

"The latest developments in connection with the hijacked airliner were conveyed to the Kuwaiti delegation by our representatives," he said in an interview on Iranian Television from Mashhad.

"They were also apprised of the demands of the hijackers and their viewpoint. These talks continue and we are hopeful that as soon as possible we will be able to resolve this issue without any difficulty, incident, or loss."

Confusion

In Tehran, senior military spokesman Kamal Kharrazi told a news conference that the "hijackers' identity is still not known to us. We only know that they speak Arabic and want the prisoners in Kuwait to be freed."

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Bangkok orders probe

BANGKOK, April 6, (Agencies): Thai authorities have ordered a probe into security after Tuesday's hijack of a Kuwaiti airliner on a flight from Bangkok airport, airport officials said today.

"We have ordered an investigation into all departments," said Charoon Pinthong, director of the Airport Authority of Thailand.

Guarded

The airliner had landed in Bangkok about noon on Monday and was "sealed" by airline officials and guarded by Thai security personnel under standard procedure until its departure 15 hours later.

The manager of the Kuwait Airways office in Bangkok, Elias Shiber, told reporters security was "excellent, 100 per cent."

The Don Muang airport, where new international and domestic terminals opened last year, is one of the region's biggest.

"We still don't know where the weapons came from or how they got there (on the plane) in the first place," said Charoon.

"But we are looking for serious answers to our questions, though answers will more likely be found in Mashhad," he said.

Investigated

Charoon said the Airport Authority of Thailand was double-checking all personnel who were near the aircraft while it was parked. He said they investigated the airline's caterer, ground mechanics and those who refueled the jet.

Immigration authorities at the airport also were going over the passenger list for suspected terrorists, he added.

Charoon said two Kuwaiti passengers checked in at the departure counter shortly before takeoff, but he said one could not infer from this that they were involved in the hijacking.

Arab Times yesterday reported that four collaborators of the hijackers were arrested in Bangkok. They were identified as members of the Hezbollah, an Islamic fundamentalist group.

Kuwait's firm stand praised

LONDON, April 6, (Agencies): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today neither Britain nor Kuwait would bow to what she called blackmail from hijackers holding 87 people aboard a Kuwaiti airliner in Iran.

The US has praised the firm stand against the hijackers.

"Kuwait are doing everything possible," Thatcher told reporters outside her London residence. "Their view on hijackings and on threats is the same as ours — we do not give in to blackmail because it only leads to further tragedies."

Thatcher said, however, negotiations should be held to secure the release of the hostages on the Boeing 747.

Assured

"I said we does not give in to blackmail. In other words, when they say 'This is what we want or else, you don't give in,' she said. 'That does not mean you don't negotiate. People will be talking to them very carefully and very closely.'"

Earlier, British Foreign Office Minister Lynda Chalker said the Kuwaiti government had assured Britain it would not make any deal with hijackers.

"None whatsoever," Chalker told Independent Television News. "That was reaffirmed to me this morning by the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires here in London and I know it to be the policy of the Kuwaiti government."

The hijackers have demanded the release of 17 prisoners held in Kuwait jails.

The Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires, Dr Suhail Shubail, was called to the British Foreign Office earlier in the day.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Britain had been told the Iranian authorities were co-operating with Kuwait.

"We understand from the Kuwaitis that the Iranians are fulfilling their obligations," the spokesman said.

Chalker has already spoken to

the Iranian Charge d'Affaires in London, Akhond Zadeh Basti, and he was being summoned to the Foreign Office again later today, the spokesman said.

Akhond Zadeh said Tehran would make no concessions to hijackers to release the hostages.

Humanitarian

"Such an act is contrary to humanitarian principles and is categorically condemned by Iran. Iran is not going in any instance to give concessions."

A British Foreign Office spokesman said after Basti's talks that Tehran had refused permission for a Swedish diplomat representing British interests in Iran to travel in Mashhad.

"We impressed upon Mr Basti the importance of the Swedish diplomat... being able to enter Mashhad. He's been refused permission and we understand he is in Tehran," he said.

Britain had also stressed to the charge d'affaires that Iranian authorities should not prevent 10 British women freed by the hijackers today leaving Mashhad.

British authorities were trying to contact the women, who were staying in a hotel in Mashhad. But communications in the city were disrupted.

In Washington the Reagan administration praised Kuwait for not yielding to the demands of the hijackers.

Rejected

"We note that Kuwait has rejected the hijackers' demand, describing it as blackmail," US State Department spokeswoman Phillis Oakley told a press briefing.

"The government of Kuwait has been firm in its refusal to yield to similar terrorist blackmail despite repeated attacks on their territory and citizens," Oakley added.

"In this position has taken an exemplary position in the struggle against international terrorism and we applaud them for it."

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Falaka: 24°C 75°F

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More states deplore hijacking

CAIRO, April 6, (Agencies): As the hijack drama drags on, more countries are condemning the act.

Saudi Minister of Information Ali Al Shaer today condemned the hijacking and said in Cairo that his country is against such a terrorist act.

Israel also deplored the hijacking.

In Rome a spokesman of the Italian Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the hijacking and expressed confidence that Kuwait will not bow to political blackmail.

By Jadranka Porter

THE morale among Kuwait Airways stewardesses off duty in Kuwait was high yesterday despite the sad predicament of their colleagues on the fateful KU 422 flight.

Many volunteered to fly to Mashhad to bring the hijacked Boeing 747 back home. But their hearts went out to their colleagues in Mashhad.

"We sympathise with them and we pray for them," said two Moroccan stewardesses who have been working for Kuwait Airways for more than two years.

Their colleague Manal, a 24-year-old Egyptian stewardess is one of the cabin crew on the hijacked plane. They felt particularly concerned about another of their colleagues. "This was only her fourth or fifth flight," said one of the Moroccan girls.

Both air hostesses said the incident has not destroyed their confidence about flying.

"The risk goes with the job. We are prepared to face difficult situations" they said.

Emergency

In fact while the drama in Mashhad was going on a group of 15 girls, seven Turkish and eight Tunisian, who arrived in Kuwait in January were being trained on how to deal with emergency situations including hijacking as part of their three-month course which ends this month.

"The training is very tough. Our instructors are highly skilled and demanding. We already feel that we can handle any situation including hijacking," said a 20-year-old trainee stewardess from Istanbul.

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procedures the trainees are taught how to deal with hijackers.

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Control

"We know that Kuwait Airways has an accident free record. Incidents like this are beyond the airline's control. But we have confidence in the airline's handling of the situation," said the Turkish girl.

The girls were in good spirit, they displayed courage but also gave an impression that the incident added to the importance of their profession.

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DIPLOMATS in Kuwait were yesterday trying to piece together information from different sources regarding the identity of the hijackers.

A European diplomat quoting a Kuwaiti source told the Arab Times that some Kuwaiti officials were inclined to believe that there are six hijackers on the KU 422, four holding Bahraini and two holding Iraqi passports.

Response

But officials from Bahrain and Iraq denied that the six were their nationals, suggesting that they were holding forged passports, the envoy said.

An Arab diplomat said that several ambassadors with a keen interest in the incident held a meeting yesterday morning to discuss the identity of the hijackers. It was suggested at that meeting that the six held fake passports.

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Commenting on the Iranian response to hijacking, the European diplomat said that Tehran appeared to be annoyed by the incident and was trying to be helpful. This, he said, was not surprising as Iran has been trying to draw sympathy from the international community. If it is the Shiites who hijacked the plane then Iran may be in a position to exercise some leverage, the envoy said. "I don't expect that the Shiites would try to create more trouble for Iran" he said.

He said Kuwait's refusal to give in to the demands for the release of 17 political prisoners held in Kuwait was commendable, particularly in view of the fact that some Western countries failed to show the same determination.

A Western diplomat was of the opinion that Kuwait would stand firm in its decision not to negotiate the release of the 17 prisoners, but admitted that the situation is extremely delicate.

Sikhs claim all of India as Khalistan

AMRITSAR, April 6, (Agencies): A prominent Sikh extremist leader claims that the whole of India, apart from Kashmir and north-eastern states is Khalistan. Jagir Singh has produced a map on which Delhi is renamed Dasmeshnagar (city of the 10th Guru) and its airport Beant Singh International in memory of one of Indira Gandhi's assassins.

Police have registered a case against Jagir Singh, the chief spokesman of the five-member Sikh Panthic Committee, for publishing the map.

He has been charged with distorting the constitutionally approved map of India and creating ill-will among different communities by his act.

Besides changing the names of various places, the map showed Jammu and Kashmir state as Pakistani territory.

The map was displayed on Jan. 26 in Sikh's holiest shrine, the

Gorbachev in Tashkent to meet Najib

MOSCOW, April 6, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev flew to Tashkent, the capital of the Soviet central Asian Republic of Uzbekistan, for a meeting with Afghan President Najibullah, Moscow Radio reported today.

The radio said Najibullah arrived in Tashkent with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, who had been in Kabul since Sunday for talks on ending the nine-year-old war in Afghanistan and a withdrawal of Soviet troops.

"General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev has arrived in the Uzbek capital Tashkent for a meeting with Afghan President Najibullah. Meanwhile Najibullah has also arrived in Tashkent," the radio said. It gave no details of their agenda.

Gorbachev's departure for Tashkent was reported earlier by the official news agency Tass.

Baghdad and Tehran hit War of the cities flares up

NICOSIA, April 6, (Agencies): Iraq's gunners fired a salvo of four missiles into Tehran today while their warplanes bombed eight other Iranian cities, killing at least 40 civilians, as Iraqis prepared for parliamentary elections.

Iran said it fired two missiles into "military centres" in Baghdad in retaliation and shelled Iraqi border towns as the so-called "war of the cities" intensified two days before Iraqis go to the polls.

Missile

The Iraqis said their fighter-bombers hit a "very large maritime target," which usually means a supertanker, near Iran's Lavan island oil terminal in the central Gulf during the night.

There was no immediate independent confirmation of the latest reported strike in the so-called "tanker war," an offshoot of the 7-1/2-year-old Gulf war.

The official Iraqi News

Agency, reported only on Iranian missile exploding in Baghdad, saying it hit a residential neighbourhood in the evening, killing several civilians.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, said five short-range missiles were also fired into Iraq's embattled southern port of Basra.

It said its anti-aircraft missiles battered six down a Soviet-built Iraqi MIG-23 jet and a Sukhoi SU-22 fighter-bomber during two of the bombing raids.

It said the MIG pilot was killed, but there was no immediate word on the Sukhoi pilot. Iraqi communiques, noting Air Force jets and helicopter gunships flew more than 200 combat missions today, said only one plane was lost.

Wednesday's Iraqi barrage was one of the heaviest in recent days in the so-called "war of the cities" and was seen as Baghdad's response to an Iranian

push into the northeastern mountains of Kurdistan.

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DAY BY DAY

KUWAIT'S building construction policy and the Municipality's public relations are two areas that need consideration and change.

The construction law, which was established under the pretext of protecting the Municipality from cheating by building owners, has contributed significantly to the decline of aesthetic beauty in the country's architecture.

Buildings have become high, square, box-like structures, devoid of any beauty.

We want a revolution from the new minister in the country's construction policy. It would only take an amendment to these laws to change the Municipality's public relations. This is due to the fact that the Municipality is seen by the public as a source from which they receive monthly assistance, similar to the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Zahed Matar

INTERNATIONAL

Israeli settlers clash with Palestinians

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank, April 6, (Agencies): Israeli settlers and Arab villagers clashed with axes and automatic rifles in a West Bank village today. The Army said an Israeli girl and two Palestinians were killed.

Israeli accounts said an Israeli soldier and 14 Israeli civilians, mostly teenagers from the Jewish settlement of Elon Moreh, were wounded along with two Arabs. Israel Army radio said rioters grabbed an M-16 automatic rifle and an Uzi submachine gun from the guards and fired at the Israelis.

Caused

Prof. Boleslaw Goldman, administrator of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv, said an adult and nine children aged 14 and 15 were slightly injured, most by stones and some by metal fragments. He said he could not say if the injuries were caused by bullets.

A soldier was injured in the head by a rock and was in a serious condition in Jerusalem's Haddassah Hospital, and an Israeli teenager was slightly injured by stones. Other injuries apparently did not require hospital treatment.

The Army said the girl, who was not immediately identified, was killed by a bullet. She was 17 and the first Israeli civilian to die in a clash with Arab demonstrators since unrest began Dec 9.

An Army spokesman said the tour bus carrying Israeli youths was passing the village of Beit, near Nablus, when villagers attacked. Armed security guards on the bus opened fire, killing two Palestinians and wounding

two others.

The spokesman said the villagers grabbed the guards' guns.

"Villagers succeeded in seizing the weapons and shot into the crowd of travellers. A girl was killed and 14 were wounded," the spokesman said.

Fired

Palestinian witnesses said the shooting was unprovoked. They said settlers fired on villagers working in the fields.

A Nablus hospital spokesman said the two Palestinians — Hatem Feyer Ahmed, 19, and Mousa Abu Shaleh, 20 — died of gunshot wounds in the head.

Security sources said villagers kidnapped an Israeli boy named Yaacov Weisel from the bus but he was later found with slight wounds in a house in Beit.

The Army clamped a curfew on the area while troops searched house to house for suspects in the village.

A spokesman at Haddassah hospital in Jerusalem said that an Israeli security guard, aged 26, was seriously wounded in the head. A 16-year-old boy was also undergoing treatment for slight chest wounds.

In Tunis, the PLO said two Palestinians were killed and 27 injured by hundreds of Israeli soldiers rampaging through Beit.

Arab League foreign ministers will meet on Sunday over the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories after postponing key meetings till after US Secretary of State George Shultz's latest Middle East trip.

Massachusetts governor regains lead in Democratic race

Dukakis beats Jackson in Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE, April 6, (Reuters): Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis is back in front of the Democratic presidential race after solidly defeating civil rights leader Jesse Jackson in the party's Wisconsin presidential primary yesterday.

With three-quarters of the vote counted, Dukakis held a 47 to 29 per cent lead over Jackson. Tennessee Senator Albert Gore had 17 per cent and Illinois Senator Paul Simon five per cent.

Surprised

Dukakis, who lost to Jackson in Michigan party caucuses on March 26 and finished a poor third-place in Illinois on March 15, is hoping to follow up his Wisconsin triumph with wins in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio on successive weeks starting April 19.

"Obviously, I'm delighted at the results," Dukakis said at a news conference in New York city.

His margin surprised many political analysts.

Both men have vowed to avoid personal attacks on each other.

"We have no interest in cutting each other up," Dukakis told the Cable News network television. "It can be a good race, a friendly race."

Jackson told CBS television that he was more concerned with defeating Vice President George Bush, the certain Republican nominee, in the November general election.

Surveys

"Our competition is really not each other. It is George Bush and we're going to keep our eyes on the real prize."

But Dukakis's performance should ease concern among party leaders that Jackson, the first black man to make a major bid for the presidency, might capture the nomination but be trounced in the general election.

because of anti-black bias and his ultra-liberal views.

A variety of recent surveys show Jackson losing by up to 25 points to Bush. The same surveys show Dukakis in a close race with the Vice President.

The Wisconsin vote came on the heels of Colorado's caucuses on Monday night, where Dukakis won a slim victory. Tabulation of the results were so slow that the winner could not be determined until late yesterday.

With 80 per cent of the precincts from that state's caucuses reporting, Dukakis had 44 per cent of the delegates who will attend county conventions next month. Jackson had 38 per cent, Gore had 2 per cent and 16 per cent was undecided. While Dukakis seemed certain to win the delegate race in Colorado, the final delegate difference between the governor and Jackson was expected to be tight.

In the Republican primary,

Bush captured 85 per cent of the vote over former television evangelist Pat Robertson, his lone remaining rival, and Senate minority leader Robert Dole, who was on the ballot even though he quit the race last week.

Final tallies were not available, but Dukakis also picked up the highest share of the 81 national convention delegates at stake in Wisconsin. Candidates need 2,082 delegates to win the nomination at the Democratic Party convention in July.

Experts

Before the Wisconsin voting, an ABC estimate showed Dukakis with a 705-671 lead over Jackson in the delegate race.

The contest now moves to New York, which chooses 255 delegates on April 19.

Polls show Dukakis with a big lead there, a state that many political experts say will decide the Democratic race.



Dukakis

But Jackson begins the New York contest with solid support among blacks who make up about 25 per cent of the Democratic electorate.

He won about 25 per cent of the white vote in Wisconsin and if he matches that performance in New York he has a solid shot at winning the state contest.

Mubarak urges Shultz to continue efforts

CAIRO, April 6, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak discussed the new US Middle East initiative with Secretary of State George Shultz today and urged him to continue his peace efforts.

Mubarak, who leads the only Arab state committed to peace with Israel, sounded optimistic after a two-hour briefing by Shultz on his talks this week in Israel, Jordan and Syria.

"I am still asking him to come again and again because, as I felt, all the parties wanted the peace process to continue to reach a good conclusion," Mubarak told reporters.

Shultz, on his third mission to the region in five weeks, thanked the Egyptian leader for his support and said he would "keep working at it."

Sticking

Mubarak said the main sticking point was the convening of an international Middle East conference. Arab states want one but Israel's ruling coalition is divided over it.

"The very important issue is the international conference. The other issues, I think, could be solved," Mubarak said.

Under the Shultz plan, unveiled in late February, a non-binding international conference

would lead to talks on Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza, followed by Arab-Israel negotiations on long-term peace.

Mubarak said the fact that Shultz was continuing his mission was "a good indication that there is progress in the peace process." Shultz is due to travel to Amman from Cairo.

The Egyptian leader said he hoped Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who flatly opposes an international conference, would change his ideas "for the sake of peace."

Shultz, leaving Tel Aviv earlier, also obliquely chided Shamir, whom many regard as the major obstacle to the US proposals. But he praised King Hussein's attitude.

"Say yes to this initiative," Shultz pleaded. "Let us redouble our efforts to make it a reality."

Speaking after talks in Jerusalem with Israeli officials, he admitted that "differences have not been substantially narrowed."

But he said King Hussein, whom he met in Amman yesterday, "posed many questions to me about our proposal, thus indicating a serious engagement in this search for peace."

Pozderac dies of stroke

BELGRADE, April 6, (Reuters): Former Yugoslav Vice-President Hamdija Pozderac, toppled last year in a major financial scandal, died today of a stroke, the state news agency Tanjug said.

Pozderac resigned last September after his name was blackened in a scandal involving almost \$1 billion worth of false domestic bonds.

He died in Sarajevo, capital of the central Yugoslav Republic Bosnia-Herzegovina, his home region.

Political sources who knew the family well said Pozderac had been emotionally and physically devastated by the affair and had been in ill health for several months.

Pozderac, 64, was admitted to hospital several days ago after a stroke and never recovered.

His brother Hakija, 69, also once a powerful politician in Bosnia, is awaiting trial in connection with the scandal, in which a Bosnian agro-industrial firm, Agrokomer, issued almost \$1 billion worth of false promissory notes.

24 women released

NICOSIA, April 6, (Reuters): The Iranian news agency Irna released today the names of 24 women freed by gunmen who hijacked a Kuwaiti airline jumbo jet to Iran. They are:

- 1) Elizabeth Jane Sefton, Briton
- 2) Patricia Sefton, Briton
- 3) Jean Emma Sefton, Briton
- 4) Suzanne Armstrong, Briton
- 5) Susan Carew-Jones, Briton
- 6) Nicola-Mary Appleby, Briton
- 7) Jane Susan Silcock, Briton
- 8) Jacqueline Foss, Briton
- 9) Katalin Kurucz, Briton
- 10) Elaine McIntosh, Briton
- 11) Leila Al Masheh, Palestinian
- 12) Seauu-Lee Shen, Singaporean
- 13) Marayam O'Tkells, Irish
- 14) Heidrun Jangger, German
- 15) Saujadi Gooki, Austrian
- 16) Hoda Danab, Egyptian
- 17) Maman Al Soltan, Egyptian
- 18) Sava Ahmad, Egyptian
- 19) Yassamin Atassi, Syrian
- 20) Rakhat Jiraton, Thai
- 21) Khalyathed Jany, Thai
- 22) Junga Harnsuranich, Thai
- 23) Fuzieh Tasafuzia, Pakistani
- 24) Maria Ifchoon, Filipina

Kuwait rejects hijackers' demand

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There was confusion over the deadline to meet the demands. One deadline, as reported by Tehran Radio, passed at 10 am (0630 GMT). But after that, Irna said the hijackers contacted the tower "to remind that the respite is nearing the end."

"Time is getting short and you have not done anything for us yet," Tehran Radio quoted the hijackers as telling the control tower, adding: "If we do not come to an agreement, we will depart for another destination."

Shortly after requesting breakfast for passengers in a radio communication with the Mashhad airport control tower at 8.30 am, the gunmen informed the tower that some of the passengers were "feeling unwell." Irna said.

They called for "a physician and an oxygen capsule," it said. Irna quoted an Iranian physician, identified only as Dr. Qassem, later allowed onto the plane as saying that he had treated two Arabic-speaking women, probably Kuwaitis, and that the condition of one was "not satisfactory." The doctor said the hijackers rejected a request that she be allowed to leave the plane, Irna reported.

Irna said the hijackers again asked for a physician at 6.30 pm (1500 GMT) and an Iranian doctor immediately was sent to the plane.

It quoted the doctor as telling reporters on his return from the jetliner that he treated three "unwell" men but they were now in satisfactory condition. The report did not elaborate.

Tehran Radio said the hijackers, who have been supplied with water and two "chargers" to keep the jet's air-conditioning working, have been communicating with authorities by radio through the control tower.

Morale high among stewardesses

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Sonja, residing in Kuwait, were on flight KU 422. Sonja was released with other women and is being held in Mashhad.

Another person who is a Pakistani girl, a daughter of Fawzia and Ahmed Nisar Memon.

The Pakistani girl has not lost her composure and is awaiting news with her 11-year-old sister and friends.

The three children of a West German couple, Axel and Heidrun Jangger, who live in Kuwait, were staying with friends who are trying to protect them from unnecessary exposure. The three, a 9-year-old girl and two boys aged 12 and 17, are well looked after, friends said.

Meanwhile, the South Korean Embassy in Kuwait said that Koon Soo Lee, the only South Korean among the hostages, is an engineer working for the Hyundai Construction Company. The company's representative in Kuwait said Lee was a newly-appointed supervisor on one of the projects in Kuwait.

Contact lost with airliner sent to Iran

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Another KAC source denied last night that the hijacked airliner was stormed at Mashhad yesterday evening as reported by the Voice of Lebanon radio station.

The radio report quoted Tehran officials as saying that an Iranian commando force stormed the hijacked plane.

A Boeing 747 and a crew are on stand-by ready to fly to Mashhad at a moment's notice in case of any new development in the hijack crisis, a source said.

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Carlucci reiterates call for symmetry to end aid to Afghan rivals

US exploring other options

NEW DELHI, April 6, (AP): US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci today renewed a call for "symmetry" in ending US and Soviet military aid to rival factions in the Afghanistan war.

Carlucci told a news conference at the end of a two-day visit to India that the US has rejected the American proposal for a moratorium on Soviet aid to the Kabul government and US assistance to the Afghan rebels who the Soviets began withdrawing troops from Afghanistan.

"We are exploring other options," he said, but gave no details.

"Our position is quiet clear," Carlucci said. "We believe there should be symmetry."

UN-mediated talks have been under way between Pakistan, which represents Afghan rebels, and Afghanistan since March 2 on a Soviet proposal to begin removing its estimated 115,000 troops from Afghanistan.

The Geneva talks have been stalled by disagreement over Soviet and US military aid to the

rival camps.

Shortly after the news conference, Carlucci left India and arrived in Pakistan, where he was scheduled to talk with President Zia-ul-Haq and other Pakistani officials. He also is to visit Tunisia before returning to the United States at the end of the week.

Talks

Carlucci said he discussed Afghanistan, India-Pakistan relations and problems in the Middle East in an hour-long meeting last night with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. On Monday, he held two rounds of talks with Indian Defence Minister K.C. Pant.

Indian relations with Pakistan have deteriorated because of Indian allegations that Pakistan is arming Sikh militants fighting for an independent homeland in India's northern Punjab state. India also has criticised Pakistan over reports that it is close to completing development of a nuclear weapon.

Carlucci said Indian officials expressed concern about "cross-

border activities in the Punjab" during his visit.

"Our position is that there ought to be continuing dialogue between India and Pakistan," Carlucci told the news conference. "Every effort needs to be made to reduce the underlying tensions between these two countries."

He said the United States "suggested a series of confidence-building measures," but gave no details.

Asked about continued US aid to Pakistan, Carlucci said: "All parties in the region need to exercise restraint in the nuclear area."

Cooperation

Carlucci predicted improved cooperation with India on defence projects and announced the sale of sophisticated laser gyroscopes to India for its planned light combat aircraft. India hopes to use much Western technology in developing the training and defensive jet.

Meanwhile Afghan President Najibullah said rebel leaders could not justify refusing to hold

talks with Kabul now that Moscow had pledged to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

In an interview with the daily Sovetskaya Rossiya, Najibullah appealed for the seven-party rebel alliance in Pakistan to start talks with the Soviet-backed Afghan government, which they have been fighting for nine years.

The rebels say the Afghan government is illegitimate and refuse any contact or cooperation with Najibullah.

"We are open to cooperation with the opposition abroad," Najibullah said in an interview conducted yesterday.

"Now that the question of a Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan has been decided, nothing can justify the actions of the alliance of seven in Pakistan, who refuse a national dialogue," he said.

"There is no justification at all for international forces hindering agreements being reached in Afghan-Pakistani peace talks in Geneva."



Carlucci inspects a guard of honor on his arrival in Islamabad. (Reuter wirephoto)

Aquino dismisses Honasan coup hint

MANILA, April 6, (Reuter): President Aquino and her defence chief today brushed off strong hints of a new coup attempt by the Philippines' rebel, saying he lacked popular support.

The government, responding swiftly to a statement today by Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan calling on soldiers loyal to him to "act and act boldly," said the fugitive officer's appeal had propaganda value only.

Honasan, who also toppled Aquino's government in a violent coup attempt last August, escaped from a prison ship on Saturday after bribing guards, days before he was due to face court martial.

Confidence

"I think the Filipino people will definitely go against Honasan and he will not be able to get any support," Aquino told reporters.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos described Honasan's statement, which made no direct mention of a coup, as a threat but added: "Honasan's group is now only capable of mounting

propaganda."

Aquino, despite fears of a new coup attempt following Honasan's escape, underscored her confidence by announcing she will go ahead with a visit to China next week, her first overseas trip in 17 months.

However, Western military attaches said Honasan might make some move before the trip, throwing Aquino's plans into disarray.

One military source said Honasan had lost much of his earlier support in the military but was capable of rebuilding it. "He'll probably just keep the 'psy-ops' (psychological operations) going and keep the pressure on," he said.

In his first statement since escaping, Honasan said a pledge made last November not to engage in any hostile acts against Aquino no longer held.

"We are now withdrawing that declaration," he said. Signed "Gringo" the statement was delivered to foreign news agencies by sources within Honasan's once-powerful Reform the Armed Forces Movement.

Conference targets food imbalances

BRUSSELS, April 6, (Reuter): The chronic imbalance in world food supplies — with parts of Africa facing famine while Europe and the United States bicker over ways to stop producing more than they can eat or sell — will dominate a conference opening at the European Parliament on Thursday.

Lord Plumb, president of the European Parliament and himself a farmer, will preside over the two-day meeting of experts on agriculture and development and representatives from more than 100 countries.

Plumb told journalists most people's instinctive reaction to the problem of starvation alongside overabundance was that rich

countries should simply ship their surpluses to help ease hunger.

But while there was always a place for emergency aid, dumping unwanted surpluses in poor countries does not solve their problems in the long term. Farmers there cannot compete with prices artificially depressed by subsidies and have no incentive to stay on the land.

Instead, less developed countries need appropriate technology and training to achieve self-sufficiency, he said.

Agriculture has dominated the latest round of talks within GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) to remove trade barriers.

Sudan marks day of Nimeiri's ouster

KHARTOUM, April 6, (Reuter): Sudan today marked the third anniversary of the ouster of dictator Jaafar Nimeiri embroiled in a political crisis casting shadow over its Western-style democracy.

Nimeiri, in power for 16 years, was toppled by the military after a wave of protests orchestrated by trade unions and students paved the way for a coup on April 6, 1985.

The military made good their promise to hold elections, which brought in Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi at the helm of a fragile coalition between his Umma Party, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) and small southern Sudanese parties.

The coalition broke up eight months ago after a series of jolts in Umma-DUP relations, but the cabinet continued to function under an agreement between Mahdi and DUP patron Mohammed Osman Al Mirghani.

Mahdi touched off a political storm last month when he threatened to quit if parliament rejected a reform plan for the remaining two years before the next election.

Mahdi said if the plan were approved, he would form a new broad-based government to tackle Sudan's economic and security problems.

In an on-and-off parliamentary debate which began on

March 30, all parties except Umma stated their opposition to giving Mahdi a renewed mandate.

While the proposals have yet to come to a vote, legislators have seized on the debate to criticise the government's record since taking office in May 1986 as one of inconsistent failures.

They blamed it for failing to end the four-year-old civil war in the south, maintain law and order in rural areas and improve the lot of Sudan's 23 million people.

Consultation on formation of a new government have made little headway. The local press reports the DUP was demanding Mahdi withdraw his reform plan before it would join a new coalition. Umma has rejected the DUP demand.

Efforts to draw the National Islamic Front (NIF) into the proposed government are running into opposition from within Umma and the DUP, mainly over the front's demands for the return to the rigorous Islamic Sharia.

The laws were introduced by Nimeiri in 1983 but their application has been relaxed since his overthrow.

The deadlocked negotiations have revived memories of inter-party squabbling in 1958 and 1969 and the inability of politicians to address the country's problems.

New US pressure to oust Noriega

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., April 6, (Reuter): The Reagan administration is encouraging Panama's military to get rid of strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega, while at the same time considering new US measures that could force his ouster.

"We are examining additional pressure that might be brought to bear on General Noriega," National Security Adviser Colin Powell said.

"As part of that examination, we would certainly be including military activities, economic activities, diplomatic activities," Powell told reporters in California where President Reagan is on vacation.

Powell, though acknowledging that US sanctions so far have not succeeded in ousting Noriega, would not say when Reagan might decide to impose new measures.

Noriega, who has been indicted in the United States on drug

trafficking charges, is head of the Panama Defense Forces (PDF) and has been Panama's de facto ruler since 1983.

A senior US official also told reporters Washington would do all it could to encourage a military coup against Noriega but stressed it was not actively involved in fomenting military action against the general.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said there were new reports of discontent within the PDF and Noriega's control has eroded somewhat in the past month.

US force

"And every effort we can take to foster that discontent in the PDF, I can assure you, we are taking," he said.

In another part of the US strategy, part of a contingent of some 1,300 fresh US security forces flew to Panama yesterday to increase security at American military bases and around the Panama Canal.



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Death toll rises to 16

Rival militias clash in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 6, (UPI): Gunmen from the Shiite Amal group and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia battled for the second day today, as the death toll rose to 16 people in one of the fiercest confrontations between the two factions, security sources said.

The sources said the rival armed men, who battled for seven hours on Tuesday, renewed fighting today in the market town of Nabatiyeh, 33 miles (53 km) southeast of the Lebanese capital of Beirut, and in at least three nearby villages.

They said at least 16 people, including a local Amal leader, were killed and 27 others were wounded in fighting that erupted at 0000 Tuesday, involving jeep-mounted, recoilless mortar guns, shoulder-fired rockets and automatic weapons.

On the main road to Nabatiyeh, Amal pounded Hezbollah positions in and around

the town with several Soviet-made T-54 tanks. One tank on a hill outside the town fired shells at a building held by Hezbollah gunmen, and fighters from the two groups exchanged fire on the streets of Nabatiyeh.

Dozens of families packed their cars with luggage and fled the town.

Alert

In the village of Siddiqine, outside the port city of Tyre, Hezbollah forces killed four Amal gunmen and wounded five others in a sudden spray of automatic gunfire, sources said. Members of both groups went on alert, combing the roads of Siddiqine and nearby villages, they said.

Tension between the two groups has risen since Feb 17, when gunmen believed to be loyal to Iraq abducted US Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins in the Amal-controlled Tyre district of southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah's strength in Lebanon has been rising since 1982, when Iran sent in hundreds of revolutionary guards to back Syrian troops in battling the Israeli Army, which had invaded the country to uproot Palestine Liberation Organisation bases.

In a separate clash on Tuesday in southern Lebanon, Palestinian commandos attempting to infiltrate northern Israel clashed twice with Israeli patrols in firefights that left several combatants dead or wounded, both sides reported.

Israel said at least two commandos were killed in the battles, while a Palestinian spokesman said three Israeli soldiers were killed. Neither side acknowledged that any of its people had been killed.

Later on Monday, Israel's Army foiled another infiltration attempt on the northern edge of the central sector of the security zone, the spokesman said.

Mao suit staging a comeback

BEIJING, April 6, (AP): The Mao suit is making a comeback in at least one Chinese city, ousting Western-style suits, a newspaper reported today.

The newspaper Economic Information (Jingji Cankao) said stores in Wuhan, Hubei province, have been selling 20 times more Mao suits than Western suits.

"The Western suit has been popular for a few years, (but) the dark blue Mao suit is once again considered fashionable men's wear in Wuhan," it said.

The high-collared suit popularised by Mao Tse-tung is still worn by many older Chinese men, but younger Chinese favour Western suits.

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping always wears Mao suits, but younger leaders, including Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang and acting Premier Li Peng, frequently appear in well-tailored Western suits. Television viewers were startled in February when a newscaster wore a Mao suit on the evening news broadcast several nights in a row.

Change

Some wondered if the change from the announcer's usual Western suits to the conservative Mao suit indicated a change in the political climate.

However, the announcer returned to wearing the Western suits and gave no explanation for the change.

"In the past, there were very few young men who bought Mao suits, but now they are our main customers," one sales clerk in Wuhan was quoted as saying.

Libya signs cooperation agreement with Tunisia

BEIRUT, April 6, (Reuter): Libya and Tunisia have signed a cooperation pact covering political, cultural, economic and foreign relations, the official Libyan news agency Jana said today.

Jana, monitored in Beirut, said the agreement included cooperation in education, transport, industry, energy, agriculture and trade.

It said the pact, signed last night, was the result of discussions in Tripoli between Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche and Libyan officials.

The accord comes after a period of improving ties since last December when the two countries resumed diplomatic relations following a visit by Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi to Tunis.


Jana quoted Baccouche, who arrived in Libya on Sunday, as saying: "This agreement will be the new beginning of an ideal bilateral cooperation which will be a strong base to accomplish the unity of the Maghreb and Arab countries."

It said the Tunisian Prime Minister had returned home. The pact provided for projects to install pipelines to transport oil from Libya to Tunisia and for distribution of Tunisian oil by Libyan companies, Jana said.

The pact also gave Tunisians priority for jobs in Libya and settled a row over Tripoli's expulsion in 1985 of hundreds of Tunisian workers.

Khaddafi on Monday announced the withdrawal of troops from a near the border with Tunis and the dissolution of a brigade deployed there.

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Amir to open OIC mini-summit

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed has said that His Highness the Amir of Kuwait will inaugurate next week Sunday meetings of the bureau of the Fifth Islamic summit.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters yesterday that HH the Amir will deliver a comprehensive speech before the meeting that will also be attended by heads of the permanent committees.

The meeting will take place at the Conference Palace.

He said all preparations for the bureau meetings have been completed, adding that the Amir, the government and the Kuwaiti people are looking forward to the encounter.

The Kuwaiti chief diplomat said Kuwait is "completely convinced" that the forthcoming meeting will provide a good opportunity for reviewing and discussing a number of the joint Islamic work since the convening of the fifth Islamic summit conference in Kuwait.

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The Amir also received chief editors of Kuwaiti newspapers.

Study on child abuse necessary: Al Ibrahim

THE director of the Kuwait Arab Child Development Society, Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim, said it was important to conduct a study on child abuse cases in Kuwait before thinking of a law to protect abused children.

He said a law was only required if child abuse was a big problem in a country's society.

He urged officials to establish a 24 hour hot line to receive telephone calls from children, pointing out that this could prevent many child abuse cases.

The chairwoman of the Women's Cultural Society, Lulwa Al Qatani, said it was essential to have a law to protect abused children, and that the law should be severe on child abusers.

She said that women's societies did not have any legal authority and could not control families. Their role was to help and cooperate with the government in cultural fields.

A lawyer, Adnan Al Wari, said that Kuwait's criminal laws were clear and applied to all residents, including parents.

He said it was the duty of doctors to report any child abuse

cases, and the duty of social welfare workers to refer all such cases to the authorities. Neighbors and others who came across child abuse cases should report them immediately, he added.

Al Wari said that the child abuse problem was worldwide, and it was therefore necessary to protect children.

He said that most laws in Arab states neglected this matter. He said there had been several efforts made to detect child abuse cases in Kuwait, but no studies or statistics were available.

Mental diseases
The head of the psychological unit at the Mental Diseases Hospital in Kuwait, Dr Bothayna Maqabawi, conducted field research in 1985-86, and dealt with 100 cases of child abuse.

According to the report, five per cent were subjected to violence and hardship and 40 per cent were punished by slapping.

She emphasised that violence and harsh treatment of children occurred in most countries.

She said it was clear there were child abuse cases in Kuwait.

She said that using violence would cause many psychological problems for children. Many abused children suffer from nightmares and fears that will create an unbalanced personality in the future.

She said that moral punishment of children was far better than physical punishment. She said that slapping a child would weaken the personality and create fear.

Most abused children had bad-tempered mothers or mothers who took out their anger on the children.

She said that social workers at schools complained that families were not cooperative, adding that child abuse cases required cooperation from families.

The acting director of the psychological service department at the Education Ministry, Fatima Rashid, said steps could not be taken because child abuse was rare, or rather there were no statistics to prove such incidents.

She said that protection of children should be the responsibility of the law and courts, and called for a law to protect children from abuse.



A small girl sings a song during the opening ceremony.

Child festival

THE Arab Child Festival was opened on Tuesday at the Al Fatah Club under the patronage of the Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem.

Fouziya Al Bahr, speaking on behalf of the club, stressed the need to instill values of dignity, respect and giving to one's country in young children.

A costume parade was one of the featured events which Sheikh Ali and guests enjoyed at the festival.

Amir to patronise Kuwait's Award ceremony

THE Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science will distribute awards and certificates of appreciation to winners of "Kuwait's Award" for the year 1987 in a ceremony to be held here on Saturday.

A statement issued by the foundation said the ceremony, which is held annually, will be patronized by HH the Amir.

The award will be KD 10,000 each and KFA's shield as well as a certificate of appreciation, the statement noted.

The awards by KFAS are aimed at boosting scientific research as well as encouraging scientists and researchers in Kuwait and Arab countries.

In mechanical engineering (applied sciences), the winner was Dr. Ali Seirge of Egypt, the statement said.

It added that the winner of the Arab and Islamic heritage (physics) in the 'Arab heritage' was Dr. Abdelhamid Ibrahim Sahra also of Egypt.

Egypt's contribution to Isesco

THE director-general of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Isesco), Prof. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, recently met Egypt's Ambassador in Rabat, Dr. Mounir Zahran, who delivered a cheque for Egypt's contribution to Isesco's 1987-88 budget.

The organisation had earlier received the contributions of Morocco, Pakistan, the Arab Republic of Yemen, and Bahrain, Boutaleb said.

He added that several other Islamic countries would be paying their contributions soon and this would alleviate the difficulties facing Isesco. He said these problems had delayed the implementation of some important programmes aimed at the dissemination of Islamic culture.

100 licences revoked

ONE hundred driving licences were revoked during March, according to statistics issued by the Traffic Judgements Enforcement Department.

The figures showed that judgements on 6,603 traffic cases were enforced during March, with 44 motorists sentenced to jail on charges ranging from driving without a licence to manslaughter.

Ninety judgements were changed from imprisonment to fines, and one man sentenced to prison was found innocent.

Study on increase of tuition fees at private schools finalised

THE director of the private education department at the Education Ministry, Abdulla Al Muhanna, said that his department had finalised a study on an increase of tuition fees at private schools.

He also told a local newspaper that the department was still studying the possibility of unifying the contracts of teachers at private schools.

He said that school owners had demanded an increase in tuition fees to meet the needs of the schools and keep up with the advances in education. He said the last increase in tuition fees was in 1982.

Asked whether the study had

Missiles in Saudi Arabia are for defensive purposes

BEIJING, April 6, (Reuters): Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian said today Chinese missiles sold to Saudi Arabia were purely for defensive purposes and would help peace in the Middle East.

Wu told a news conference in the Great Hall of the People that China was eager to establish official relations with Saudi Arabia and condemned Israeli threats of retaliation for the missile deal.

Self-defence
Last month, in an unusual disclosure of its arms exports, China said it had sold medium-range ground-to-ground missiles to the Middle Eastern kingdom.

"The Saudis have made a commitment to use them only for self-defence," Wu said. "This is to

help peace in the Middle East." Saudi Arabia had also given a commitment not to transfer the missiles, Wu said without elaborating. He repeated China's assurance that the weapons did not carry nuclear warheads.

Tied
"Some people in Israel have threatened to take steps against Saudi Arabia. We support the Arab condemnation of Israel," Wu added.

He said China wants to establish official ties "as soon as possible" with Saudi Arabia.

Wu said senior envoy Deputy Foreign Minister Qi Huaiyuan, would return to Beijing from a tour of the Middle East where he

met King Fahd in Saudi Arabia, the highest level meeting between the two countries in a series of recent official contacts.

In Cairo, Saudi Minister of Information Ali Al Shaer today said that his "country reserves the right to purchase weapons from any part of the world and will defend itself against any aggression." He was replying to a question from a reporter on Israel's claims that the Chinese missiles acquired by Saudi Arabia recently have a strong destruction capability.

On acquisition of nuclear weapons, Al Shaer indicated that Saudi Arabia stands clearly against the use of nuclear power and that the Arab world is free of any nuclear weapons.

Tarazevich due to arrive in Kuwait today

THE vice-president of the Supreme Soviet Praesidium, Georgi Tarazevich, is arriving in Kuwait today from Muscat after concluding his visit to Oman, it was reported.

Tarazevich, who will be leading a four-man delegation on his visit to Kuwait will be welcomed at the Kuwait International Airport by Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaibi.

Swift end
During his stay in Kuwait, the distinguished guest will be received by HH the Amir and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Meanwhile, Oman urged the

two superpowers yesterday to seek a swift end to the Iran-Iraq war during their summit meeting next month.

The official Omani News Agency said Information Minister Abdul Aziz Al-Rowass voiced the call during talks in Muscat with Georgi Tarazevich.

He "asked the Soviet Union to work on placing the issue of finding a swift end to the Iran-Iraq war on the top of the subjects to be discussed" when President Reagan goes to Moscow in May, the agency said.

Tarazevich, who arrived in Muscat on Tuesday, discussed the 7-1/2 year old Gulf war with officials in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) earlier.

Dental conference begins

AMMAN, April 6, (Kuna): The 15th conference of the Arab Dentists Association today began at the Culture Palace here under the royal patronage with participation of 800 dentists from Arab and foreign countries.

The four-day conference, held under the theme: "The new in dentistry," will discuss 60 working papers prepared by various researchers from Arab countries and foreign universities on the latest development in that science.

The conference agenda will include meetings of the executive bureau and the supreme council for Arab Dentists Association, besides convening six training

courses on dental surgery supervised by experts and professors.

It will have a medical exhibition for dental equipments and medications in which 20 international specialised companies are participating.

At the conclusion of the 15th conference, the general assembly for Arab Dentistry Association will approve amendments to regulations of the association.

Participants in the conference will also discuss a number of professional and national issues including the Palestinian popular uprising in the occupied Arab lands, the Iraq-Iran war and other Arab matters.

Rqobah meets Indian envoy

KUWAIT'S Electricity and Water Minister Homoud Al Rqobah received at his office yesterday Indian Ambassador to Kuwait N. N. Jha.

The two officials discussed issues of mutual interest and bilateral relations.

Sharhan meets envoys

THE Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan yesterday received separately the ambassadors of Japan and India. During the two meetings, Al Sharhan discussed with the ambassadors aspects of bilateral cooperation, particularly in the field of telecommunications.

World Health Day to be marked today

ON April 7 every year, Kuwait and all world states celebrate World Health Day.

Due to the prominent concern by both official and popular Kuwait circles in health affairs, the week-long celebrations embrace also Kuwait's health week.

During the week, educational and health seminars include discussions on health developments such as the latest common diseases and precautions against them.

On this occasion, the Kuwait news agency prepared this report.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is, according to its constitution, an authority for direction and coordination in the world health field.

Since the ratification of its constitution on April 7, 1948, the WHO has been keen on making health care available to all human beings.

Undoubtedly, this noble human target necessitated the cooperation of member states, with each determining its own policies and strategies on the basis of unanimous convictions and resolutions taken by all

member states which reflect WHO targets.

Starting in 1950, WHO adopted a public health theme, with an appropriate slogan representing the target to be attained during that year.

In 1954 for example the slogan was "nurse - pioneer of health." In 1972 the slogan was "your heart is your health." This year's slogan is "health for all - all for health."

WHO national committees, UN associations, as well as popular and official institutions in member states, assist in arranging events on April 7 every year. During the celebration seminars and exhibitions are organised, with discussions revolving on the year's adopted theme.

This year's health day, also marks WHO's 40th birthday. The organisation representing 166 member states, decided this year to re-activate national activities in favour of public health development, by way of allowing the participation of governments, non-government organisations, syndicates and individuals. It also decided the occasion as being "the first day for a world without tobacco."

1988 also marks the 10th

anniversary of the Alma-Ata declaration, which emphasised securing health for all by the year 2000, through primary health care, based on technological procedures acceptable to the community and available to all families and individuals through their involvement in the process at all stages.

A WHO member for 26 years, Kuwait proceeds in playing its efficient role for attaining the noble aims of the international organisation. Hence Kuwait's Health Week will be rich in celebrations, seminars and exhibitions all over the country, with ministries, government institutions, and popular parties participating.

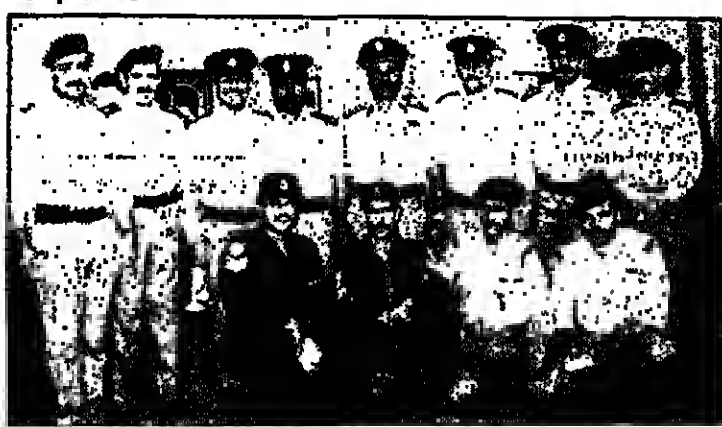
Kuwait's role is not limited to celebrations on the WHO day. It exerted all efforts possible even before joining the WHO, to attain the objectives of the international organisation.

Kuwait is even proud of its full-fledged health care system, which is an example to follow since it is free, just, comprehensive and available to all, without any discrimination.

Kuwait health aid is needy countries is also up to the human concept targeted by the WHO.



● Four officers and nine warrant officers of Kuwait's Civil Defence Department were yesterday given service medals awarded by HH the Amir. The medals were presented by the director general of the department, Colonel Khaled Al Quoud. Picture above shows Col. Al Quoud congratulating one of the officers, and picture below shows 12 of the recipients.



Social differences, high dowries force Kuwaitis to remain single

THE differences in social levels and high dowries were among the reasons that people remained single in Kuwait, according to a local newspaper.

A Kuwaiti youth, Hamdan Al Ainzi, told the newspaper that travelling to European countries where women had more freedom than Kuwaiti women encouraged more Kuwaitis to marry foreigners. He added that social norms and pressures did not give Kuwaiti women an opportunity to mature.

He also said that most Kuwaiti youths felt proud to marry foreigners even though they knew that marriages among Arab couples lasted longer.

Cautious
Samiya Al Muddhi said that friendship between men and women was out of the question in Kuwait's social traditions. If a woman allowed herself such a step, then men would say she was too free, and not suitable to marry.

She said that Kuwaiti men exaggerated when they said that Kuwait women demanded high

dowries. Actually they were mostly afraid of the responsibilities of marriage.

Manal Swiat said that Kuwaiti youths avoided marrying well educated women, and educated women had less chance of an early marriage.

Suod Al Mali said that Islamic societies preferred people to marry young. A woman who had a university education before marriage was considered different by men who tended to be more cautious with them.

Dalal Al Ghanem said that most working women created an environment that could delay her marriage, adding that most working women didn't think of marriage, and this also applied to men. She said men preferred to be free, specially those who travelled abroad a lot.

Divorces
According to statistics, most good marriages were between couples 25 to 30 years old. By this age most youths are intellectually mature and had completed their education. This was supported by 1986 statistics.

Figures showed that 1,798 Kuwaiti youths between 25 and 30 years had married, including 1,660 married to one wife, 128 to two wives and ten to three wives.

There were 6,676 marriages among Kuwaitis of all ages in 1986. Of these, 5,731 were marriages between Kuwaitis, 833 between Kuwaiti men and Arab women, and 1103 Kuwaiti men to foreign women.

There were 1,866 divorces in the same year, including 526 among those married for a year and 289 among those married for five to ten years.

Dr. Kafiya Ramadan said social traditions and restrictive family control of both boys and girls were the main cause of this problem.

She urged families to facilitate meetings between single persons, saying this would help them to choose partners.

She said parents and other relatives should ask the views of their daughters before getting them married and should give them an opportunity to state their views.

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He told a local newspaper that

pediatric medicine in Kuwait was advanced in comparison with other countries, and added that the Health Ministry provided pediatric departments with modern equipment and services.

He said that the pediatric department at Ibn Sina Hospital was the best in Kuwait.

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Table Talk

BY DINAH

ONE of the best ways of getting to know a city is to find a rooftop restaurant and eat a leisurely meal while gazing down on the bustling below. Visitors to Kuwait will find a choice of several restaurants which offer a bird's eye view of the town such as the Kuwait Towers, the Hilton or the Sheraton. The Al Dawar Revolving Restaurant, situated between the Burgan Bank and the Dasman Complex in Sharq, offers diners a panoramic view of the city and coast during the two hours

A poor show all around

It takes to make one revolution. Lunchtime is the best time to go when you can gaze down at a patchwork of rooftops, bougainvillea-filled courtyards, minarets, gardens and dhow out at sea. If the windows were not so dirty, it would be the ideal place to take your camera and get unusual shots of the Kuwait Towers and other landmarks. Since the main appeal of Al Dawar is the view (rather than the decor or cuisine), it is inexcusable that this should be obscured by dirt-plattered windows.

At night Al Dawar must be a different place altogether, as there is live music from a band and one's eye would be drawn inward to the rather bizarre decor. With candystriped awnings in pastel pink and blue clashing with tasseled brocade drapes and mock Louis XV chairs, it gives the impression of an ice-cream parlour with pretensions to be the salon of a very jaded 18th century French courtesan. Live music probably

isn't necessary with such a cacophony of glitz, peeling gilt, mirror tiles, thrones, brass and chandeliers like something out of the junk yard at Versailles.

Decor

I wish I could write that the dirty windows and crass decor were soon forgotten once the food arrived, but this would be far from the truth. The lunch buffet at K.D. 500 per person is one of the cheapest in Kuwait and this was clearly apparent in the ingredients which had been used. The photographs of tempting displays of lobster and prawns which entice you up in the lift must be a cruel joke by the management, for the salad buffet contained nothing more exotic than slices of mortadella and cocktail sausages. Nearly all of the 28 salads were vegetable based; there were the usual mezzeh dishes, some heavy vegetable fritters, and interesting salad of aubergines in yoghurt, mui and garlic, and pasta, chickpea and fous salads.

Fresh, hot Iranian bread is served at the table.

If we had thought the salad buffet to be mediocre, it was a gargantuan feast compared with the meagre selection of hot dishes. Apart from soup, one could choose from some rather dry roast turkey, spicy mutton kebabs, sweet and sour fish coated in soggy batter or tender pieces of steak with onions. To accompany these dishes there was only a choice of plain or spiced rice, fried potatoes and bean stew.

Desserts

As I had been unable to eat most of my main course, I hoped to be able to fill up on desserts, but oowhere was the management's policy of economising by using cheap ingredients more apparent than here. The dessert buffet consisted mainly of sponge cakes dressed up with various types of synthetic creams and decoration. There was an apple syrup cake, barlequin cake,

black forest gâteau and an Easter cake decorated with marzipan carrots and a white chocolate rabbit. The muhallabia and creme caramel turned out to be the best choices and there was a display of fresh fruit.

Including coffee and fresh orange juice the bill came to only K.D. 9. However when one compares this with other buffets in this price range in Kuwait (the SAS, Plaza or Gardenia), the food was of a much poorer standard. It was hardly surprising that Al Dawar was almost empty on the day we ate there. It really is a pity that Kuwait's only revolving restaurant is so poorly managed.

RESTAURANT: Al Dawar
TYPE: Revolving Restaurant
MEAL: Three course lunch buffet
PRICE: K.D. 9 (for two)
Star rating (out of five):
FOOD: ★
SERVICE: ★★
ATMOSPHERE: ★★
VALUE FOR MONEY: ★

WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

Sargam Kay Sitaray
Sargam Kay Sitaray, a music nite, will be held on April 7 at the Cinema Granada. Tel: 572573; 5729283.

Upasana
Upasana presents a musical nite — Ghanamanjari, featuring South Indian film songs, on April 7, 7.30 pm.

Geethaajali — A selection of Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam songs — will be presented by the same group, 6.30 pm, on April 8.

Both programmes will be held at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaiteh. For reservations phone 5643643; 3987409.

ARTS

Handicraft Bazaar

An exhibition of arts and handicrafts will be held on Thursday and Friday from 8 am to 9 pm at the Regency Palace Hotel. The bazaar features handmade jewellery, painting and engravings on glass, wood, metal, Islamic, and Kuwaiti traditional paintings and carvings, as well as children's houses and paintings, children's paintings and coins and jewellery from the 16th century. All are welcome.

Kuwait National Museum

Thirty six Palestinian artists are exhibiting their work at the Kuwait National Museum, Arabian Gulf St., open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 7.

Dahiyat Abdullah
Al Salem Gallery

Last day of an exhibition of paintings by Kuwaiti formative artists at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. The exhibition is open daily, except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 7.

Free Atelier

Last day of an exhibition of paintings by Samiya Ahmad Sayeed Omar, open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St., near Amir Hospital.

Ghadir Gallery
Sudanese artist Hassan Hakeem is showing his drawings at the gallery in Salmiya Com-

plex. It is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm, until April 21.

Sultan Gallery
An exhibition of oil paintings by Pakistani artist Yasmeen Basmia is open daily, except Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the gallery, Al Sour St., until April 14.

THEATRE

Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance

The company will present two ballets, "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8.30 pm nightly, at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jahriya. Tickets — K.D. 4. From Saturday, April 9, the box office at the Mousetrap will be open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

Stepping Out

Kuwait Players present the comedy "Stepping Out," directed by Koo Wistoun with choreography by Doona Smith, who also plays the lead, from April 10 to 14 at the Crystal Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel. Tickets sold out for gala night — dress black tie or lounge suit. Tickets (K.D. 5 each, including buffet on gala night and snacks on other nights) available for all other nights. For reservations ring 5331269; 5745838; 5383149.

SOCIAL

Health & Beauty Gala Morning

Reminder: health and beauty gala morning will be held on Sunday, April 10, 10 am to 1 pm. For further details contact Gail Nugent — 5636675.

Alumni get-together

The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS hotel. Those who have not registered, please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

Daniella

The annual family rally will be held on Friday, April 15. For registration, contact Connie — 3947693 before April 10.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee morning is at the Hilton Hotel on April 13 (Wednesday), 10 am, in the Old Failaka Room. All German speaking women are wel-

come.

Kuwait Welsh Society
The Society will hold a "Nosen Llawen" (social evening), 8 pm, April 7. For details phone 3912384; 4874548.

Seminar on Cinema

A seminar on Cinema and its Role in the Media will be held on April 13 at 7 pm at the Graduate Society, near Kuwait Hiloo and US Embassy. A British-American film "Courage Along the Divide," a film on the Arab-Israeli conflict, will be shown. Farouk Abdul Aziz, Cine Club, and Kuwait University professor Dr. Ghanem Najjar will take part to the Seminar. It has been jointly organised by the Cine Club, the Kuwaiti Women's Cultural Society and the Graduate Society.

Badesik Picnic

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society (Badesik) will organise a picnic-cum-cultural show on Friday, April 8, from 9 am at the Maogaf Family Beach. All Bangladesh diploma engineers are welcome. Contact the organisers for details.

Filipino Cultural Show

Auditions for singers, dancers and prosopians will be held on April 8, 4 pm, at the Philippine Embassy premises, for a cultural show and food festival to be held in June. The show will be organised by Kuwait-Philippines Economic Council in coordination with the Philippines Embassy, Fiasak and Kapiku. For details contact Gil Herico — 2522034; 2521754.

CINEMA

Yugoslav Cinema Week

Five short feature films will be shown at the 'Introducing Yugoslav Cinema' week from April 9 to 13.

April 9: When Father Was Away on Business, directed by Emir Kusturica.

April 10: Who's Singing Over There, directed by Slobodan Sijan.

April 11: Petria's Wrath, directed by Srdjao Karanovic.

April 12: The Magic Strategy, directed by Zlatko Lavacic.

April 13: The Two Halves of the Heart, directed by Vefik Hadzimaajovic.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

SPORTS

Ahmadi Kart Club

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 7.30 pm, at the kart

track. All those interested are welcome to attend. For details contact Sue Andrews — 3982055.

Bangladeshi Children's Sports

All participants are requested to be at the University Ground, Shuwaikh, at 7.30 am. They are requested to bring their receipts for checking and collecting T-shirts.

Colenuti Regatta

Al Kubbah yachting Committee will hold its annual Colenuti dioghy-windsurfing regatta on April 14 and 15 at the TEC Sea Club in Fahahel. Participants with own dioghy-surfboard (competition fee K.D. 5) and spectators welcome. For details phone 4842493 after 2 pm.

Bawling Tournament

The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBK) will hold their handicapped bowling tournament from 9 am on April 8 at Club 300. The tournament is open to all men and women. Deadline for submitting entries is April 6. Fee: K.D. 4.50.

E.M.A.C. Tournament

A tennis tournament for under-16s will be held from April 13 to 16 at the SAS Hotel. Participating teams are from Abu Dhabi, Oman, Damascus, American School of Kuwait, Kuwait English School and New English School. The tournament has been organised by E.M.A.C. (Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference). Interschol Knockout '88

Interschol Knockout '88

Grand Finale takes place on Wednesday, April 13. The event features students and teacher teams from Kuwait's schools in a series of exciting games. Barbecue dinner and beverages will be served by the poolside. Valuable prizes. For details contact the hotel.

Goan Cup Tournament

The Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on the first day of Eid Al Fitr at the Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament commences at 7.45 am. The tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by organisers. For details contact Tom — 2419409; Almeida — 4813892 ext. 232.

Salcedo United

Salcedo United will hold a Whist Drive-cum-Tea Party for its members and guests on Friday, April 8, 3.30 pm at Ramada Al Salam Hotel. For details contact D'Costa — 2439000 ext. 2537 and Agnello — 2460983.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Watan Pharmacy
Jawharat Al Khalej Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Salam Pharmacy
Nr. Universal Hotel,
Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Firdous Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaidhiya
Al Randa Pharmacy
Salm Al Mubarak St.
Fahahel and Ahmadi
Al Burgan Pharmacy
Souk Sabab, F'heel
Jeeb Al Shiyouk
Al Ayoub Pharmacy
Sbuwaikh Commercial Complex
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Garnata Pharmacy
Rashed Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.
Ibn Rushd Pharmacy
Souk Al Kuwait Bldg., Souk Duaji
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Ikhlas Pharmacy
Opp. Andalus, Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaidhiya
Dena Pharmacy
Amman St.
Fahahel and Ahmadi
Al Fulaj Pharmacy
Nr. Safeway, Makkah St.
New Khaitan
Al Tasamah Pharmacy
New Khaitan Suburb
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.09 am
Zuhr	11.50
Asr	3.23 pm
Maghreb	6.11
Isha	7.29

FRIDAY

Fajr	4.07 am
Friday Prayer	11.50
Asr	3.23 pm
Maghreb	6.12
Isha	7.30

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
10.15 Songs and Music
10.40 Cultural Film
11.00 Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme, hosted by Dr. Abdul Suhoor Al Shahin.
11.30 Al Zawaya: Arabic play, featuring Afaf Shuaib, Wagdi Al Arabi, Nabil Badr.
1.00 News Summary
1.20 World News via Satellite
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events
3.30 Tan Tan: cartoons
4.00 News Summary
4.15 The Saiot: Roger Moore plays the deonair detective, Simon Templar.
5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hioa: children's programme
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rohan Farah
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Show Jumping, presented by Ali Hamdi
7.30 Al Bahat Ao Al Saadah: Arabic serial, starring Samir Ghanem, Hassan Mustafa, Saad Nasar, Comedy
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkour
9.00 News Arabic
9.50 From People's Art
10.30 La Tabat Al Kihar: Arabic feature film, starring Hussein Fahmy, Badi Farouk, Fawzi, Abdullah Farahani.
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Amia Al Sbarrah.
1.30 News Summary
1.35 World News via Satellite

2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Hikayat Mio Al Alam: Stories From Around the World.
10.00 News Summary
10.05 World News via Satellite
10.20 Childre's Magazine: a programme for young viewers.
11.00 Prophet's (PBUH) Saying: religious programme, presented by Dr. Ahmadi Abdul Noor.
11.15 Friday Prayer
12.15 Min Wahi Al Ayaat Al Bayyaoat: religious serial
1.00 News Summary
1.20 World News via Satellite
2.00 INTERVAL
2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV
2.45 Hadith: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi.
3.45 Akhtalo: Min Fadiak: Arabic play, starring Fuad Muhandis, Suweika, Abdul Muoim Madbouli, Abu Bakr Ezzat.
6.35 Kuwait in a Week
7.00 News Summary
7.15 Kul Al Funoo: hosted by Rasha Magdi.
8.00 Weekly Seminar: a talk show on topical events in Kuwait.
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Quloob Min Zajaj: Arabic drama. Starring: Huda Hussein, Jassim Nahhan, Ahmad Saleh, Aisha Ibrahim, Ibrahim Harbi.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

2.30 Holy Quran
2.40 Cartoons
3.10 Sports Studio: highlights of football, basketball and other sports.
6.10 Centurions: "Chunter Clock Crisis." Cartoons.
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: Cartoons.
7.00 Rags to Riches: "Wilderness Blues." Foley plans a holiday in the forest.
8.00 News in English
9.10 Speosor for Hire: "One for My Daughter."
10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: "Rudy Speeds the Night." Cliff plans a quiet night with his son. But he is in for a big surprise.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Streets of Hong Kong." Starring: Gary Collins, Nancy Kwan. The story of an American boy who was raised by a Chinese family.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

FRIDAY

2.30 Holy Quran
2.40 Sports Studio: highlights of local and world sports.
6.10 Transformers: cartoons
6.30 Out of this World: "Nightmare." The story of a young girl who has oigb-mares...
7.30 Qualifiers for Asian Cup: Football. Live transmission from Kuala Lumpur.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Football: continued.
9.45 The Beauty and the Beast: part two tells the story of the beauty helping a group of orphans ill-treated by the management of an orphanage.
10.30 Wiseguy: "The Prodigal Son," featuring Ken Wahl. Vinnie's friend is attacked...
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Closed
Al Salmiya
Doing Time
Starring: Day Young
Al Hamra
One Crazy Summer
Drive-In
Li'binaat Haaratra
(Arabic)
Starring: Ahmad Badcer, Badi, Iham Shahin
Al Firdous
Kudrat Ka Kanon (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff
Hema Malini, Radhika
Fahahel Open-Air
Pyar Ki Jeet (Hindi)
Al Fahahel
Teen Teeka (Beogali)
Al Jahra
Al Mar'at Al Kanon
(Arabic)

Granada
Big Sleep
Salaibikhat
Irupatham Nootandu
(Malayalam)
Al Jeeb
Watan — Ke Rakhwale
(Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra
Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Rajul Yahuh Marratain
(Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra
No Dead Heroes
Salaibikhat
Tiger Joe
Granada
Dard (Hindi)
Al Jeeb
Hifazat (Hindi)

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 The Spirit of Islam
0820 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind Of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Understanding the Holy Quran
2215 Sounds of the Eighties
2300 The Way You Like It
2330 Star Tracks
2400 Closedown

FRIDAY
Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Muslims Around the World
0915 Songs and Music
0930 Kiddies Corner
1000 Songs and Music
1030 Singers and their Songs
1100 Closedown
1330 News on the FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 The Friday Request
2400 Closedown

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music

1100 Country 'n' Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Alham Al Nagham (Classical Music)
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Songs and Music
1800 Party Music
1900 Scene and Heard
2000 Party Music
2130 News
2145 Party Music
0200 Closedown

FRIDAY
0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country 'n' Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Easy Listening
1500 Classical Hour
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Instrumental Music
1800 Pops
1900 International Top 20
2000 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening.

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 King Street Junior (ex 28th Two Cheers for April)
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today (ex 7th The Story of English)
0200 World News
09 Commentary
15 Network UK
30 Assignment
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Can Communism Cope? (ex 7th Why Should This Happen to Me?)
0400 Newsweek
30 Classical Record Review
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Peetles' Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek
30 Great Love Duets
40 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Luke Box Dury
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 County Style
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Society Today (ex 7th The Story of English)
1000 News Summary followed by Assignment
30 King Street Junior (ex 28th Two Cheers for April)
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas
25 A Letter From England
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 7th and 21st Jazz Scene UK 14th and 28th Folk in Britain
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Write On ... (ex 28th Outlook contd.)

Urdu
1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Perchayian
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radin Magazine
2100 Closedown

FRIDAY
1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Quran-Hadith
2000 News
2020 Man Chah Gori
2100 Closedown

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● Hasina Muntaz, a well-known Bangladeshi singer recently performed in Kuwait at a musical evening arranged by Abdul Mannan. Hasina, who has been singing since 1964, has performed on Dhaka Radio and Television. A large number of Bangladeshis attended the concert. Above: Hasina (on mike) with local performers who took part in concert.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

PERFECTION is attained by slow degrees. It requires the hand of time — Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778)

Hijacking bears stamp of militants

By Stephen Jukes

BAHRAIN (Reuters). The hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner to Iran on Tuesday bears the hallmarks of pro-Iranian militants, but Tehran has been at pains to distance itself from the Arabic-speaking gunmen and keep channels open to Kuwait.

Western diplomats in the Gulf said Iran's leaders, stung by charges from Washington that they were behind the six-day hijack of a Kuwaiti Airbus to Tehran in 1984, had been particularly anxious to avoid fresh accusations of collusion.

The identity of the half-dozen gunmen who seized the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 over the Gulf of Oman on Tuesday and forced it to fly to Mashhad in northeastern Iran remained unclear.

But one Muslim security source in the Middle East said he believed there was a possible link with the Islamic Jihad group holding American and French hostages in Lebanon.

He said the hijackers of the airliner and some Lebanese kidnappers both appeared to be pursuing the same goals.

Demand

The hijackers demanded the release of 17 militants jailed in Kuwait, the same demand as the men who commandeered the Kuwaiti plane in December 1984 and killed two US Air officials on board.

Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian Muslim group which burst on the scene in 1983 by blowing up the US embassy in West Beirut, demanded the release of the 17 in October 1986 in exchange for three Frenchmen it holds.

It said later it would free all its foreign captives in return for the 17. That would include two Americans, journalists Terry Anderson and University dean Thomas Sutherland.

Throughout the latest hijacking, Iran has kept lines of communication open with Kuwait, where concern has been heightened because three of about 80 passengers and crew still on the plane belong to the Kuwaiti royal family.

Khaddafi permits reforms in Libya

By Francis D'Emilio

TRIPOLI, Libya, (AP). Moammar Khaddafi is permitting some long-awaited, though small, steps to improve Libya's economy and is also calling for greater personal liberty.

Meanwhile, two years after a US bombing raid shocked the nation, the Libyan government has reportedly indicated it wants to maintain channels of communication to Washington.

"And it's true, right, that Reagan can't become president again?" asked a Libyan military man, confident that life is looking up for his countrymen.

Khaddafi has denounced Reagan as the villain behind the April 15, 1986, bombing, which Libyans say killed the colonel's baby daughter and 36 other people.

Such rhetoric, and incidents of violence between the two countries, has drawn worldwide attention. But within Libya, it has served largely to distract attention from an economy badly needing direction, especially after the falling oil prices of recent years had flattened Libya's pump cushion of petroleum income. The global theatre also overshadowed the growing demands of Libyan consumers.

Businesses

Now Khaddafi seems bent on ensuring his popularity by improving life for his more than 3.5 million countrymen in the North African nation. There is a new emphasis on small businesses, distribution of consumer goods and the rule of law.

The mercurial colonel came to power in a 1969 coup and is now simply called "the leader" by Libyans.

Some observers think the 45-year-old Khaddafi may have decided to reform his virulent anti-Americanism, which sometimes made him an easy target of US outrage. Others think Khaddafi may also have been affected by an Amnesty International appeal in July to end an alleged policy of assassination opposition figures.

One sick Jordanian passenger and 24 women have been released.

The 1984 hijacking ended when Iranian security forces stormed the plane and captured four gunmen unharmed.

Iran and Kuwait have adopted a conciliatory attitude towards each other during the new hijacking, although, with the plane on Iranian soil, diplomats said Kuwait had little realistic alternative.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati expressed regret over the hijack.

The airliner was diverted over the Gulf of Oman and, according to the Iranian news agency Irna, landed at Mashhad after the pilot radioed he was running out of fuel.

But aviation experts in the Gulf said they doubted it would have run out of fuel so quickly despite circling the airport before being allowed to land.

"It almost certainly had fuel for two hours flying time — that would take it 1,000 miles (1,600 km)," one source said.

Whether or not the hijackers knew they had three members of the Kuwaiti royal family on board, the decision to direct the plane to Mashhad appeared to have been carefully planned.

The city, tucked away in the northeastern corner of Iran, is one of the holiest in Iran and the burial place of an 8th century Shi'ite imam, Ali Ibn Musa Al Ridha.

Relations

Kuwait, a strong backer of Baghdad in its war with Tehran, was singled out for Iranian attacks last year as first its oil tankers and then its mainland came under fire.

But relations had shown signs of improving this year. Kuwait has been shaping up to send two diplomats to Tehran if Iran and Iraq stop missile attacks on each other.

This would reestablish its diplomatic presence in the Iranian capital for the first time since its embassy was ransacked following the deaths of Iranian pilgrims in demonstrations in Mecca during last year's annual haj pilgrimage.

Unrest undermines Dhaka's economy

While slogans denouncing purported American aggression are still plastered on buildings, one diplomat says that there has been a quiet exchange of messages between the US and Libyan governments indicating a desire, if not to improve relations, at least to keep channels open.

Order

Despite a US order forbidding Americans to work in Libya, diplomats estimate about 500 US citizens still live in Libya, which pays big salaries to skilled foreign workers.

Diplomats, businessmen and the few Libyans willing to give their reading on what's happening spoke on condition of anonymity.

There are several signs Khaddafi may also have decided to push for a more liberal economy.

A Tripoli newspaper last month reported that small businesses are now permitted to import items, such as automobile parts, previously allowed only for government-franchise holders, and sell them at a profit. Bureaucrats were apparently told to improve distribution of consumer goods, and more private businesses were allowed to operate.

Insisting repeatedly that Libyans must produce for themselves, Khaddafi has tried to reduce dependence on imports, especially after Libya's oil revenues dropped dramatically from a 1980 peak of \$22 billion.

Revenue

By 1986, lower oil prices saw annual revenue plummet to less than \$6 billion. Prospects for slightly higher oil prices this year could net income at about \$6.5 billion.

On Tripoli's shopping streets, business seems to have grown over the past year. Freshly slaughtered fat chickens hang from doorways enticing customers.

Women — some shrouded head-to-toe in white cotton, others in form-fitting, olive green military pants and jackets — examine satin-striped fabric, while men try imported calculators.

SIR: This refers to "No real winners in Kuwait International Rally" (AT, March 20).

I could not agree more with the sentiment of this headline. I'd go further and say that the biggest losers were the Arab Times readers. Your readership has to put up with rallying taking up vast amounts of space on the sports pages all the year round. When it comes to the Kuwait International Rally, a local event, AT pulls out all the stops. For weeks prior to the event every utterance of Mohammad Bin Sulayem and Saeed Al Hajri is relayed to us verbatim.

As the day draws near there's the usual drama with Fisa: Will Group B drivers be allowed to compete? Can they drive Group B cars? Will they have to run the course pick-a-back?

All this served to what my interest to take a casual glance at my Arab Times the day after the rally, to see who had triumphed.

Amid the dozen or so similar photographs the article informed me that Al Hajri had won, but that the result had been

Be straight, Arab Times

SIR: The Arab Times is not being straightforward and has failed to reply to complaints about discontinueing the publication of exchange rates.

My exchange dealer said he was not advertising because the Arab Times has increased the advertising rates by 500 per cent. If this is true, the Arab Times must clarify the facts.

Kuwait rally farce

over-turned by the stewards and Bin Sulayem placed first. But we had to wait until Sunday's newspaper to be told the reason.

Now the result is subject to a Fisa ruling. Amazing! All the ballyhoo, all the preamble, and the only pertinent question of the day — which, of the two drivers that stood any realistic chance of winning, would come on top, remained unanswered.

If you were interested in the performance of any of the local drivers you had to wait until the full results were published on Monday.

So that was the Kuwait Rally for another year. What a yaw!

And of course, it's not the Kuwait Rally without the usual hack biting about who received what awards at the prize giving ceremony.

The KIR should be renamed the KIF — the Kuwait International Farce to reflect both the organisation of the event and the Arab Times coverage of it.

Bias against Muslims

SIR: Prejudice against Muslims has crept into the school text books of children. For instance, to quote from Environmental Studies, page 122, a text book taught in Indian schools says "In our country we have many evil customs like dowry and purdah. If

Lee Harvey, Safat

Reduce rents to halt crimes

SIR: I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities about the increasing crime rate in a country like Kuwait.

Though there are many reasons such as social and emotional, I feel the main cause is financial. All are aware of the high rents. In the last three or four years the situation has changed in Kuwait. The salaries of some people have been reduced by as much as 40 per cent; but rents have gone

P.P. Abdurahman, Safat

down by only 15 per cent. Rents were increased 100 per cent under the new rent law.

Many people are unable to provide all facilities to their families. Some may say that if you can't afford to keep your families here, send them home and resettle in your own country. But this is not easy as a major portion of a person's salary is spent on rent, food and clothing. As many people are unable to save money, they can't return home.

I appeal to HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince to regulate and revise the rent law. This would help reduce the crime rate. The rents are higher in Kuwait than taxes in other countries. Many people pay 50 per cent of their salaries towards house rents.

K.S. Maini, Hawaii.

Trouble for Goans

SIR: This refers to Vincent D'Souza's letter on the flight to Goa. If the flight is meant for Goans why does the airline keep passengers waiting at the airport in Bombay?

The Goan MP Eduardo Faleiro had told the Goan community that Air India would operate direct flights to Goa during the summer. That claim was wrong. Now, the airline will fly three flights a week, via Bombay, with a waiting period of four hours. Why should the Goans wait in Bombay?

Peter Castellino, Safat.

Question paper leaked

SIR: The mathematics examination paper of the Joint Gulf Board Examination, held recently at the Indian School's branches, was leaked out to students by certain teachers. No action has been taken against the teachers and the school authority learned of the matter after the students had appeared for the exams. Now the students have to reappear for the exams. Innocent students were treated badly by the principal and the members of the staff. The Indian community must be aware of the injustice done to students at the schools.

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Benazir reigns as queen of opposition

Pakistan People's Party in turmoil

By Bryan Wilder

ISLAMABAD, (AP). Benazir Bhutto, political archrival of President Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq, still reigns as queen of Pakistan's political opposition. But the party she leads has seen better days.

The Pakistan People's Party, which she inherited from her late father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has been wracked in recent months by political infighting, an ideological shift and a poor showing in local elections. Nevertheless, Benazir Bhutto is determined to pull her grassroots movement back together for national elections scheduled for 1990.

Patrician

Millions turned out in April 1986 when Benazir, now 34, returned to her homeland from two years of voluntary exile in London. The adoring masses likened her to the Philippines' Corazon Aquino and believed she also would ride to power on the shoulders of a "people's power" revolution.

Two years later, her critics say her policies are hard to differentiate from those of the Zia govern-

ment. They claim that her autocratic leadership, patrician lifestyle and overtures toward the United States run counter to the PPP's traditions.

It was Zia who overthrew Benazir's father in a 1977 military coup and had him hanged two years later. Zia, Chief of Army Staff, ruled under martial law until the end of 1985, when a civilian government was elected in a poll that barred political parties.

Since then, Zia and his prime minister, Mohammad Khan Junejo, have restored a number of fundamental civil rights and lifted censorship of the press. Benazir says the recent criticism of her is simply a subtler form of repression exercised by what is now an indirect military government.

"In the first years of overt military rule, the name of the Bhutto family was not allowed to appear in the press," she said in an interview.

"The new target, since the last two years, is to flood newspapers with stories on Bhutto and flood them with distorted stories attacking my capabilities, attacking my leadership," she added.



Benazir Bhutto

However, many of her critics are current and former party members, some of whom have left the PPP since working for her father.

"Benazir is a complete mistress unto herself, seldom considering it necessary to consult the central committee on major issues," wrote PPP member Ayaz Amir in the magazine *The Herald*.

Nevertheless, even her critics admit the party is no less democratic than it was when her father was alive. It is still a party of the Bhutto family, built

around the charisma of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and perpetuated by his martyrdom.

Benazir takes more seriously the criticism of her changing policies — especially her pro-Americanism and her shift away from her father's socialist ideals.

"Pakistan is in a period of transition," she said. "We don't have a direct military rule, or we have the iron fist in the velvet glove. In this new situation the party and the party workers must also make the mental transition and the necessary adjustments that come from conforming to the new circumstances."

Aid

She said her warning toward the United States, which she once accused of helping cause her father's downfall, is a pragmatic recognition of Washington's role in the region.

"It is a country that gives tremendous economic and military aid to Pakistan. One cannot ignore that reality," Benazir said.

Her party, like the Zia government and the United States, also supports the Muslim resistance in neighbouring Afghanistan in their struggle to oust the Soviet-

backed communist government in Kabul.

In terms of her moderate economic policies, Benazir said she has deviated no more from the PPP's founding principles than her father did.

"This is nothing new. They (the left wing) would like to transform the PPP, which is a populist, social-democratic party in the Muslim context, into a Marxist Party," she said. "We may not agree, but respect them for having their views and expect them to respect our views."

If the PPP is undergoing a morale problem it is not all Benazir's fault.

Elections

Upon her 1986 return, she called for new elections within months which failed to materialise. She called for mass protests on the July 5 anniversary of Zia's coup but the turnout was far less than expected.

The following month, she and 400 opposition leaders were arrested for defying a government ban on rallies.

She was later released, but her problems were compounded last November when the PPP won only 20 per cent of some 75,000 seats nationally in local elections.

World Health Day today

WHO chief confident of producing a miracle

LONDON, (Panos): "Drop me down in Africa, or Asia or Latin America. You give me \$20 a head of the population I'm going to serve. And I'll show you we can produce a miracle."

So says a man who calls himself "the hopelessly eternal optimist." Dr Halldan Mahler, the director-general of the World Health Organisation (WHO), who resigns this summer after 15 years in the job.

If he were dropped into a developing country — how would Mahler like to spend his \$20? On "primary health care" — which he believes to be one of

the greatest developments in world health in his time.

"Dramatic improvements can happen in people's health very quickly — if you trust people to take responsibility for their own health. And that means their eating habits, making use of clean water and latrines, hygiene in the homes."

After that comes the medical prevention of diseases, with "barefoot doctors" immunising children and taking other simple measures; and finally when people fall through that net and get ill, treatment.

Is this approach taking root? Is it already improving people's health?

"Life expectancy is going up and up and infant mortality is going down and down. But I am not that stupid to say that we can claim the credit for all of this."

Evaluation

The WHO and its member states made a "very aggressive" evaluation two years ago of the successes and failures of primary health care — to see how far they approach the WHO goal of "health for all by the year 2000."

"All the states are saying it is rough going, there are tremendous obstacles.... Beginning with people, not doctors, turning the whole thing upside-down — that is tough tough tough."

Yet Mahler believes it can be done anywhere in the world. "It is a question of whether you have the political guts to trust people, to allow ordinary people to decide the way the money is being spent in health care."

Primary health care requires a radical reorientation of the old colonial system, says Mahler. It has also required a radical reorientation of the WHO.

"In the bad old days when I was boss of tuberculosis at



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Although candidates officially were banned from declaring their party affiliations, those of Junjo's ruling, Pakistan Muslim League campaign openly.

The defeat led to a series of sackings and resignations within the PPP.

Since then, Benazir has managed to regain some of the limelight through her much-publicised arranged marriage last December to a Karachi businessman and a series of barnstorming trips this year into the Pakistani hinterlands.

She also has managed to rally her party around a new cause: The fate of some 400 Pakistanis still imprisoned for violations of the 1977-85 martial law.

Although Junjo has promised to review some of the cases, he is caught in an embarrassing situation — a constitutional amendment made at the time of Zia's rise to power blocks the judicial review of decisions made during martial law.

Pakistan's next general elections are two years away, but Zia has indicated he will be a candidate for president and will retain his rank as chief of the Army.

If the polls are open to partisan candidates, as Zia has hinted they may be, then 1990 may prove whether the Bhutto populism of the 1970s has survived Pakistani politics of the 1980s.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1509 — France declares war on Venice.
- 1562 — Dutch under Van Riebeeck found Cape Town in South Africa.
- 1789 — Selim III of Turkey accedes to throne.
- 1897 — Turkey declares war on Greece.
- 1934 — Mahatma Gandhi suspends civil disobedience campaign in India.
- 1936 — Cape parliament passes Native Representation Bill permitting natives to elect three Europeans to represent them in Union parliament in South Africa.
- 1941 — British forces under Archibald Wavell evacuate Benghazi in Libya during World War II.
- 1945 — US aircraft carrier planes sink Japan's largest battleship, the Yamato, in World War II.
- 1953 — Dag Hammarskjold, Swedish diplomat, is elected Secretary-General of United Nations.
- 1961 — UN General Assembly condemns South Africa's policies in South-West Africa; Milovan Djilas, former number two man of Tito regime in Yugoslavia, is arrested.
- 1966 — US hydrogen bomb lost from bomber is recovered in Mediterranean sea off coast of Spain.
- 1974 — Major oil producing countries meeting in Geneva decide to set up fund for developing nations hard hit by higher petroleum prices.
- 1976 — China's Deputy Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping is deposed and Hua Guofeng named prime minister.
- 1987 — President Ronald Reagan announces that American diplomats will not occupy the new embassy in Moscow until he is sure that it is secure from Soviet eavesdropping.

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A fitting dwelling place for the goddess of love

Cyprus: Aphrodite's island

If love is irresistible, so is Aphrodite's island — as Cyprus has been known since antiquity. Impressed by the natural beauty, charm and easy-going island pace, most visitors agree that this is truly a fitting dwelling place for the goddess of love.

The romantic side of Cyprus has inspired poets and novelists through the centuries — from Homer to Lawrence Durrell, whose reflective essay *Bitter Lemons* (1957) is the classic modern work on Cyprus.

Tucked into the easternmost corner of the Mediterranean, 45 miles south of Turkey and 60 miles west of Syria, Cyprus is the third largest Mediterranean island after Sicily and Sardinia. It covers an area of 3,572 square miles, but it never feels big. Landscapes can change quickly as you drive along, and the seashore is never more than an hour or two away.

All is not idyllic, however. For Cyprus is a divided nation. The Attila Line boundary splits the island nearly in half, with the independent Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the Greek-Cypriot Republic of Cyprus to the south.

Like many Mediterranean islands, Cyprus has a past fraught with battles, conquests and drama. It was populated as far back as 5,800 B.C. and is therefore a layered storehouse of archaeological treasure that continues to yield up new discoveries.

Phoenicians and Assyrians, Greeks, Egyptians and Persians all held sway over Cyprus. The Romans were in charge for several centuries; the Byzantine, Lusignans and Venetians had their say later. The Turks and Islam reigned for 300 years — until the British took over in 1878. Even today, with independence (granted in 1960), Great Britain retains sovereign military bases on the south coast, and the influence of Britain remains strong. Most Cypriots speak English — some with a perfect Oxford accent. Road signs are in both Greek and English. Driving is on the left, and many people



There are different ways to get around the island; if you're daring, drive yourself around some of the spectacular mountain roads.

perpetuate the afternoon tea ritual.

Nicosia, an old-new city, has been capital of Cyprus since the 12th century. It rises up out of the Mesaoria Plain, arid and sizzling in summer, carpeted with flowers in the spring. To the north are the hazy violet slopes of the Kyrenia mountain chain, scattered with Gothic castles.

To the west barren hills and plains give way to the wooded heights of the Troodos mountains, adequately snow-clad in winter for skiing. In summer cool mountain streams thread their way down the lower slopes, and the valleys are redolent with the scents of herbs, flowers and fruit from the orchards. The Troodos area is the site of dozens of monasteries in the Byzantine-Greek Orthodox style; many are pil-

grimage shrines and most welcome overnight guests.

There are different ways to get around the island; if you're daring and enjoy a little danger as a spice of life, you'll drive yourself around some of the difficult mountain roads to see Cyprus' venerable monasteries. But there are also taxis — both private and shared vehicles, the latter a specialty of Cyprus — and excellent bus tours of the high spots to spare you the do-it-yourself pains.

To the south of the island are most of the best beaches, the resort towns and the vineyards. Sightseeing highlights include the charming city of Larnaca with ancient ruins and a good museum; the boom-town of Limassol, whose festivals (especially wine) are legendary; and Paphos, perhaps the prettiest beachside resort.

Noted for its stunning Roman mosaics and fabulous rock tombs, Paphos has a lazy, unspoiled air that belies the slick new, low-rise buildings. The south coast offers spectacular views and Green-Roman sites, as well as the Birthplace of Aphrodite and the booming sea resort of Ayia Napa. You can water-ski, windsurf and pay a visit to the Monastery of Ayia Napa.

But don't neglect the pleasures of the table — a big part of the fun on the island. Whether you choose a little cafe-au-lait or a sophisticated restaurant, you'll find a wealth of dishes that draw inspiration from Greece and the Levant. The hors d'oeuvres or mezedes are sometimes so copious and varied you can make more than a meal out of them.

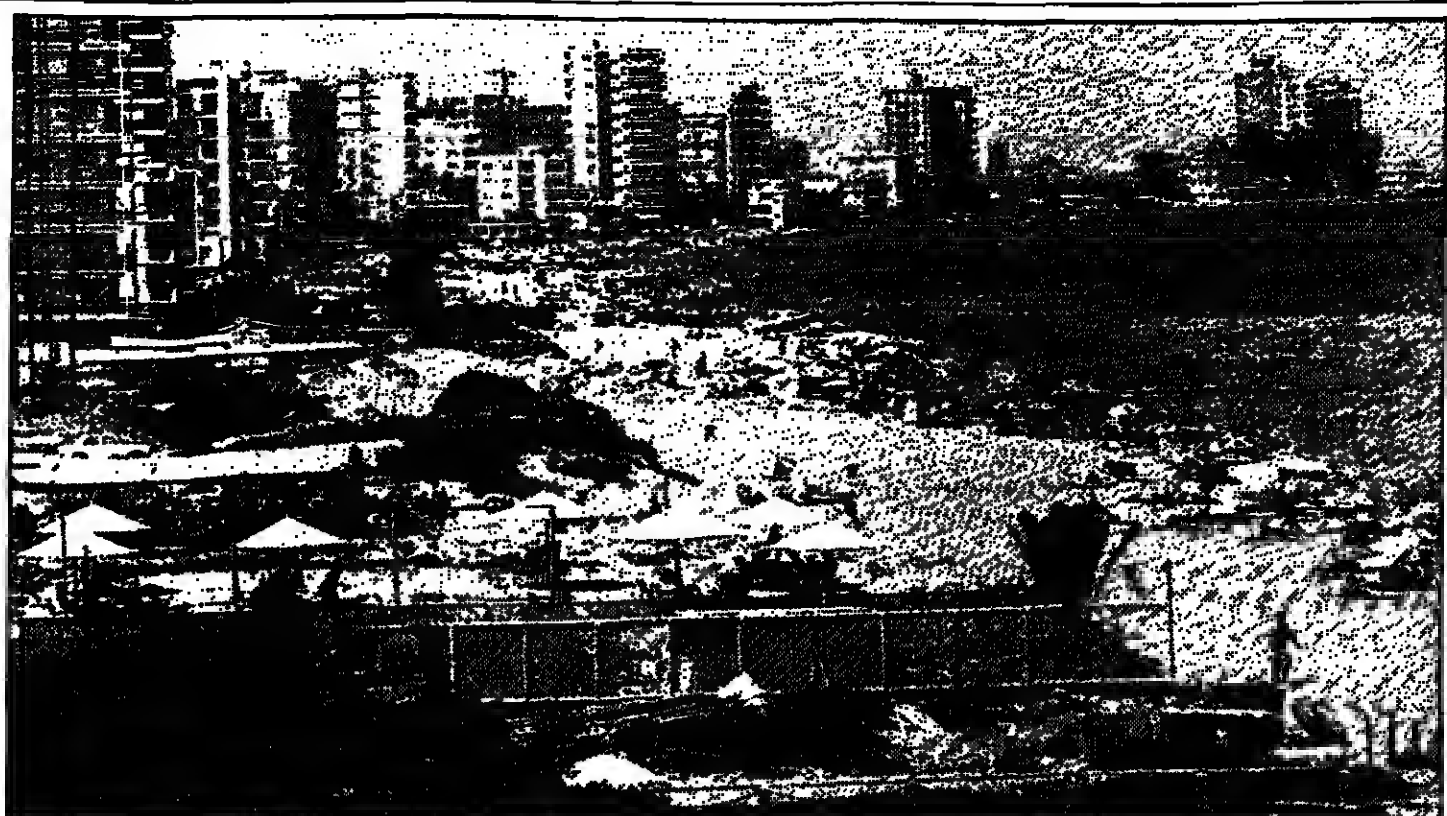
Even more engaging and heartening than these sensual delights are the people — with an exuberant Greek-Mediterranean melange in their background, and a modicum of British decorum for contrast.

The cliches of Zorba-style dress and raucous behaviour are alien to this island, where people are dignified and yet cheerful. On the whole, Cypriots are among the most civilized people in the Western world — if by civilized one means not only an awareness of history and culture, but also real kindness and consideration. Cypriots are innately well-mannered.

Open "Where are you from?" is the inevitable and altogether friendly Cypriot question, whether asked by a museum guard, tourist office representative, a waiter or an ice-cream vendor. They aren't being impertinent; they really want to know and hope to strike up a conversation.

It's rare that a visitor can depart without entering into a chat, accepting a coffee or, perhaps a gift of fruit or cakes. Cypriot hospitality is enveloping, but of the most ingenuous kind.

Yet open as Cypriots are to strangers, a closely knit family



To the south of the island are some of the best beaches and resort towns.

life takes precedence here. Strict rituals are observed for such occasions as baptism or marriage. Weddings are planned by both families down to the last detail of protocol and decor. Greek Orthodoxy is an intangible presence in most families, observed faithfully, especially by the distaff side; it is the women who attend services, light votive candles and venerate icons.

The Republic of Cyprus is not exactly rich, but it's not poor either. Nobody starves, filth and beggars are practically unknown, as is crime, at least as perpetrated by local people. And lightheartedness is the prevalent theme. Because the Cypriots are gregarious, everybody else becomes so as well, and tourists meet and make friends as a matter of course.

Newcomers rush around sightseeing — trying to fit to all the archaeological sites, museums and monasteries. But if you feel overwhelmed by it all, you can always retire to a nearby cafe, and the beach is never far away. Sporting people love the surfing, snorkelling, sailing and water-skiing. Tennis is available all over, and the mountains are superb for

summer hiking.

The Aphrodite aspect of Cyprus may appeal to lovers young or old, but it's really love of life — *joie de vivre* — that sets the mood on this entrancing, multi-faceted island.

When to Go

Year-round Cyprus boasts sunny skies and low humidity. On the coast, sea breezes temper the heat of July and August, though the thermometer has been known to hit 38°C (100°F) in Nicosia, inland. Citizens of the capital beat a quick retreat to the coast as Troodos resorts during the dog days of summer.

January and February see snow falls in the Troodos range — enough most years to allow for some skiing. It rains occasionally between October and February, but there's plenty of sun, too, and the sea remains warm enough for some brisk bathing.

Days of sun (sea coast): 340

Planning your budget

To give you an idea of what to expect, here are some average prices in Cypriot pounds (CY£). However, take into account that all prices must be regarded as approximate, due to the rise in infla-

tion. KD1 equals CY£1.40 approximately.

Airport transfer. Taxi to Larnaca town CY£1.50, to Nicosia CY£9-10, shared taxi to Nicosia CY£1.15, to Limassol CY£1.40.

Baby-sitters. CY£1.50-2 per hour.

Bicycle and motorcycle hire. Bicycles CY£1-1.75 per day, motorcycles CY£2.50-10 per day.

Buses. Larnaca town-Nicosia CY£10.55, Larnaca town-Limassol CY£0.65, Limassol-Pano Platres CY£0.60.

Camping. From CY£1.25-2 per day for tent or caravan plus CY£0.25-0.28 per person per day for service and taxes. Caravans (trailers) can be rented from CY£8-10 per day, plus delivery charges.

Car hire. Rates per day for 1-6 days in summer season (unlimited mileage): Austin Mini CY£16, Ford Escort CY£19, Opel Kadett CY£18, Subaru CY£20, Mini-hus CY£26.

Cigarettes. Foreign brands manufactured under licence in Cyprus CY£0.40-0.50 per packet, imported CY£1 per packet.

Entertainment. Cinema CY£1.50; discotheque (admission and one drink) from CY£2-5; cabaret (admission, drink, show and dancing) from CY£3.

Hairdressers. Man's haircut (with wash) CY£3. Woman's shampoo and set or blow-dry CY£3.50, permanent wave CY£18-20.

Guides. CY£14 per half-day, CY£22 per day, 50% more on Sundays, 100% on public holidays.

Hotels. Double room with bath: 5-star CY£38-73, 4-star CY£27-46, 3-star CY£19-25, 2-star CY£10-16, one-star CY£8-12.

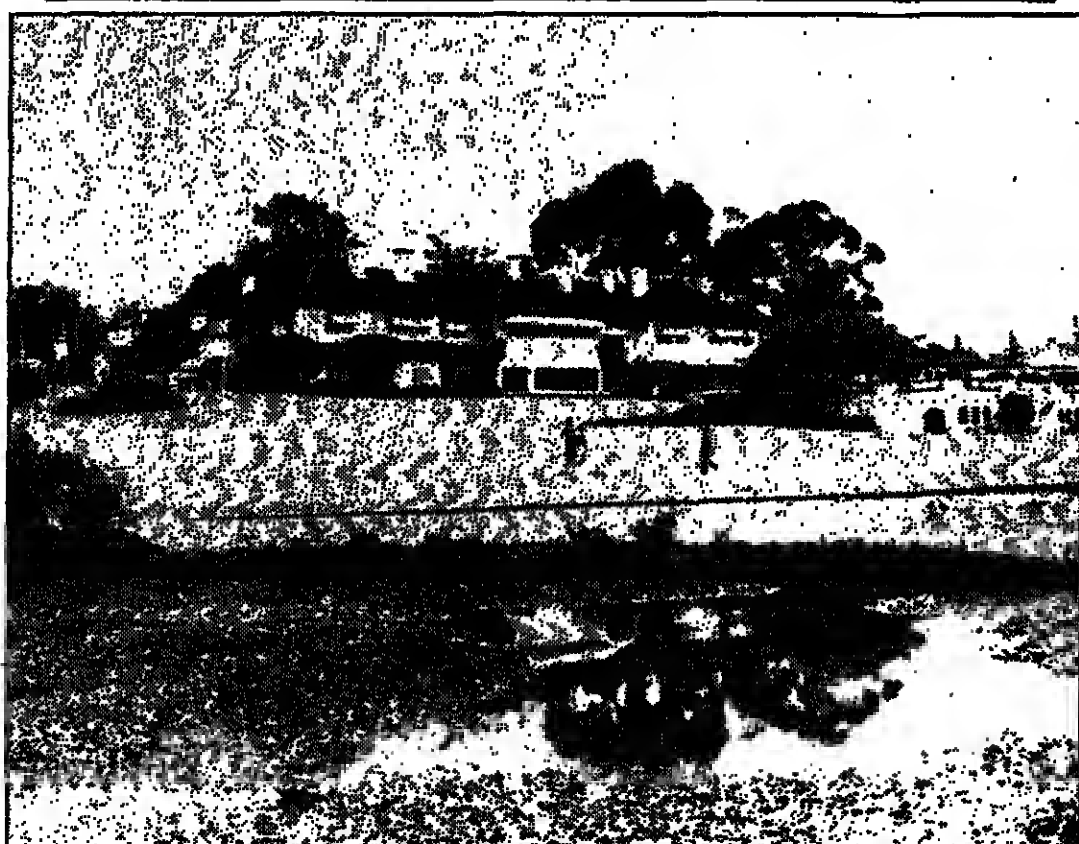
Meals and drinks. Continental breakfast CY£1.50-2, lunch or dinner in fairly good establishment CY£2.50-6, coffee CY£0.30-0.50, soft drinks CY£0.15-0.30.

Sports. Use of hotel beach facilities and/or tennis courts CY£2-4 per half hour; water-skiing CY£10 per half hour, windsurfing CY£3 per hour, sailing CY£5-6 per hour, motor boats CY£8 per hour.

Taxis. Initial charge CY£0.35, plus CY£0.27 per mile in town (CY£0.20 for a return trip). Minimum charge CY£0.60.

Bastion of gracious living

It's an old saying at the Mount Kenya Safari Club that even the insects dress for dinner. Not that you get too many of them at 7000 feet, but the saying reflects a little of the ambience surrounding this gracious guesthouse.



The Mount Kenya Safari Club in Nanyuki, Kenya, is famous for its animals and its guests.

African artificers. The club offers a reading and writing room, a conference centre and cinema, safari centre, piano music in the bar, and barbecues. You can dine in either the Safari Tent grill room or the Hunters dining room, offering six courses of such fare as fillet mignon, Dover sole meuniere, and smoked salmon.

Lucho can last about two hours while you sample 30 dishes or so prepared by Chef Zickert for the buffet on the terrace. Morning coffee and afternoon tea are served in two spacious lounges where roaring fires ward off mountain chills. Membership plaque line the walls along with autographed photographs of famous members and guests — Winston Churchill, Louis Mountbatten, and the Apollo space crew.

About 130 guests can be accommodated in the club's 78 rooms, each of which has its own log fireplace. Evenings may be the pleasantest time of day, when a porter appears to light the fire and you can relax while watching the changing colours of dusk on Mt Kenya and listening

to the sounds of birds, crickets, and distant wild animals.

The most popular lodgings are the terraced cottages, all stone and timber. Each has large sliding glass doors opening onto a patio and semiprivate lawns screened by shrubbery, two bedrooms with a spacious sitting room dividing them, and an elegant bathroom with steps leading down to an enormous tub and shower.

In the 1967, the club was acquired by Saudi Arabia's Adnan Khashoggi, who gave the club a gift to his son on his 18th birthday. Unfortunately, Mr Khashoggi lacked on an ungraceful three-storey wing and a few squat garden cottages behind the tennis court. He also erected three large villas that have little in common with the ambience of a hunting lodge. The rooms and suites to the new Italian-designed villas may well be the most sumptuous in Kenya.

The Mount Kenyan Safari Club is too nice a place for a mere overnight stop. The groups of safari-trippers usually troop in late in the afternoon and leave after breakfast, so if you have an

aversion to tour groups, they won't be much of an aggravation. On the other hand, the folks on the safari tours beam on the fact they can't stay longer. On an extended stay, you probably share the club with only a handful of guests, except on weekends when members and their families invade the place.

Relax for a few days and watch the sun rise over Mt Kenya. (Early morning is the best time to see the snowy peaks before the clouds move in.) You can play tennis, swim, golf, or drive up the mountain with a picnic basket packed by the club. The Safari Desk will organise any type of tour — by car, camel, horse, or plane — and will store your luggage while you're away.

Neither the Art or Mountain Lodge is far by road, and Secret Valley, famous for its leopards, operates from Nanyuki, about 10 kilometres (six miles) down the road. Samburu National Park is just over an hour's drive. If you run out of diversions, you can always do what many of the club's regulars do: just sit around and admire the view. The Christian Science Monitor.

Ideal climate for sports

What to Do:

SPORTS and sightseeing excursions fill most visitors' time, with a few shopping forays for good measure, or even a short cruise along the coast. Cyprus also has a unique folklore and cuisine to discover. Attend a musing village festival, see a display of Cypriot dancing or sample mezedes in a waterfront restaurant — the choice is yours on Aphrodite's island.

Boating and sailing: You can hire a motor boat of your own or join an organised group for a day's motor-launch cruise offshore. Inquire at the marinas of Larnaca, Limassol, Ayia Napa and Paphos. There are sailing clubs at Larnaca, Limassol and Paphos, and many hotels and resort centres have sailboats and pedaloes for hire.

Fishing: Amateur anglers need no licence for sport fishing at sea (including spear fishing), and boats with or without captains and equipment can be hired in many localities. Local fishermen go for red mullet, white bream, grouper, pickered and amberjack. White bream and swordfish may be caught in Cyprus waters, you'll need to hire a special boat and guide.

Cyprus has no native freshwater fish, but several dammed-up areas have been stocked with trout, carp and other fish.

Other sports Tennis: Better hotels invariably provide tennis courts (clay or asphalt) for guests, often available to non-residents for a small fee. There are several courts at Nicosia's Field Club and at the Lapata Sporting Centre in Tseri (15 minutes from Nicosia).

Horse riding: With an indoor arena and outdoor paddock, the Lapata Sporting Centre offers a full equitation programme, from dressage and showjumping to cross-country riding (courses for beginners to advanced, adults and children). In a totally different category, children or others can ride a horse or pony to sightsee around Troodos (hags are for hire by the half-hour — usually on weekends).

Walking and hiking: You can trek through the Troodos chain and foothills, past pleasant mountain streams, many delightful villages and viewpoints. The Cyprus Tourism Organisation distributes maps and information on itineraries. Tours organised from

(near Polis), Fig Tree Bay, Larnaca and Ayia Napa. Several hotels near Limassol and Larnaca also offer diving possibilities.

Windsurfing and water-skiing: You can practice these sports at public and hotel beaches during the warm season; rental of equipment and cost of instruction may vary from resort to resort. A thrilling variant of water-skiing, parasailing is offered around Larnaca and Limassol.

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abroad propose excursions in the area, from a base in Pano Platres or Troodos.

Promoters of the Troodos mountain resort area would like to see more people take advantage of winter as a time to visit Cyprus, when lower prices are in force. Lifts provide access to several runs on Mt Olympus, and more are being developed all the time. Cross-country skiing is also possible. Depending on snow conditions, the ski season runs from January to early March.

Car racing: A big and exciting event in European racing, the 72-hour international Cyprus Rally in September attracts up to 80 entrants for a gruelling trial of endurance, guts and skill. Check the local newspapers for details of the route.

Shopping From the sophisticated shops of Nicosia and Limassol to the kiosks set up along the roadside, you'll find plenty to tempt you in Cyprus. Most businesses open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. weekdays (mornings only on Wednesdays and Saturdays). Larger hotels usually have good boutiques stocked with limited selections of everything from clothing and souvenirs to jewellery.

Best buys: Cypriots are wonderful artisans, renowned for their handicrafts — ceramics, wood-carving, weaving, basketry, silver and copper work. The Cyprus Handicraft Service (C.H.S.), a non-profit organisation, runs shops with a good selection of items in Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca and Paphos.

Basketry: The choice ranges from small portable baskets in decorative shapes and colours to large pieces in rush or cane.


Brass: Look for candlesticks, ashtrays, small boxes, religious souvenirs and trays.

Carpets and curtains: In Cypriot patterns, with a Near Eastern and Turkish influence, these can be colourful and in good taste. The woolen rugs in all sizes are very tempting.

Ceramics: Many artisans look back to antiquity for inspiration, creating charming animal figurines, little vessels and terracotta statuettes, fashioned by hand and fired. The functional wares of Koros and Phini include attractive hand-thrown wine and oil jars. Glazed ceramics may have very pretty geometric patterns in the Cypriot style.

Copperware: Dating from over 3,000 years ago, the copper industry remains a source of Cypriot pride. You'll see all manner of hand-crafted ware, including copper pots, saucepans and bowls.

Embroidery: Shops all over Cyprus sell the island's most important cottage industry item — fine linen tablecloths, doilies, runners and handkerchiefs stitched with the intricate geometric patterns of Lefkara.

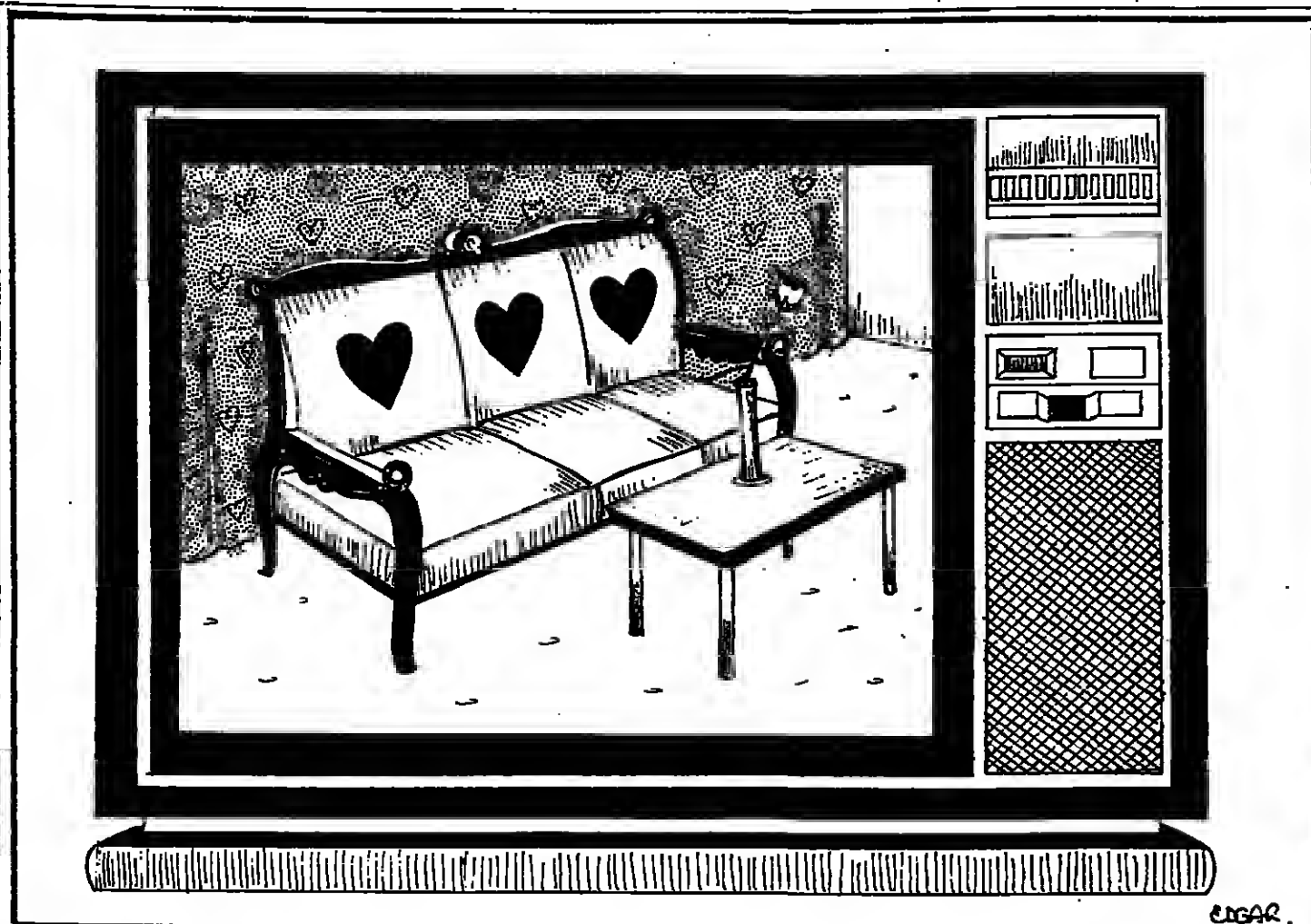
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HUMOUR



Sofa, suite sofa

By Keith Wells

OH dear, I can feel it coming on again, yes, no doubt about it, I can't help it, I'm going to write about KTV 2 News again. Yes, I know I shouldn't... it's bad for me reliving all the horrors, but I can't seem to help myself. Kicking heroin is easy as pie in comparison.

Take last week for instance, there was Poppy, dressed up like Slobad in horizontal black and white stripes that made my eyes go funny, rabbiting on about temperatures again. First of all she gave us the temperatures in GCC countries, then to Arab and Islamic capitals, then in major world capitals, which included Moscow and most of Europe, but not Tokyo or Washington.

Now, either you bore us all to death with major world capital temperatures, or you don't. Half measures are not enough. If I know that Moscow is minus four, then in the interests of true bilateral balance and inalienable rights of justice and fairness for all, I must know if Washington is higher or lower!

Is it a diplomatic snub to the US out to mention how hot or cold it is in DC? Are their thermometers broken over there? What is going on? The public has a right to know.

As for the rest of the oews, I don't know about you but I'm becoming a real expert on interior decor, particularly sofa design. I don't want to start any international controversy

by saying which sofas I prefer, but some are undoubtedly more arresting and fascinating than others. Real World leaders choose sofas which complement their complexions and clothes.

A drah sofa is simply not good enough in today's world of satellite communications. If your sofa is going to be seen around the world, choose something that will enhance your message. For example, the South Africans could have a sofa with a pattern of black faces, so whoever the President sits down on them you know exactly what his policy is and just how he relates to the majority of his population.

Similarly, the best Israeli sofa would be covered with blood red velvet with a pattern of tiny stars and stripes.

Mrs Thatcher should use an iron beach, to enhance her image and Reagan could use a nice comfortable recliner so that he doesn't actually have to remain awake.

The people sitting on the sofas should try to sit at the edge of the frame so that they do not prevent the viewers from seeing the full glory of the sofa design. Too many bodies just

get in the way. I'd like to see empty sofas, that way we could all tell at a glance the real policy, taste and status of the countries involved without human distractions. After all, a sofa never lies.

It should be easy enough for the UN to work out some sort of international diplomatic sofa code. A chintzy sofa with a flowery pattern would mean that the talks had gone well, a plain, sludge brown sofa would mean "little progress", and a black and red one would obviously show that relations had deteriorated to the point of war. Thereafter, a pure white sofa, with all the stuffing spilling out of it would mean unconditional surrender. Likewise, if they showed a fancy Louis Farouk gilt edged sofa with the bottom all falling out, you'd know the stock markets had crashed again.

Point

One modern trend which must be firmly squashed is the ugly American diplomatic habit of giving both leaders their own separate armchairs. I ask you! Nothing good can ever come of armchairs! How can you get truly mutual or even bilateral when you won't even

share the same sofa?

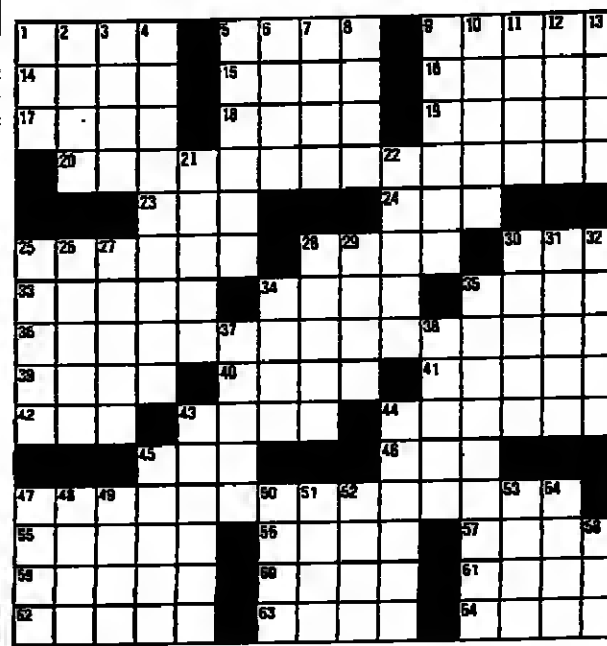
Another point to which world leaders are failing to pay proper attention is the ritual bowl of flowers on the little table in front of the all-important sofa. All too often nowadays you see a great big vase stuffed with white roses, red roses, pink carnations, camellias, chrysanthemums, lilies and irises. It's glibberish!

Haven't these people ever heard of the Language of Flowers? With all those varieties mixed together nobody knows what's going on! For example, a red rose means "I love you", but there's Shamir and Shultz sitting behind a great big vase of red roses... I mean, if they feel like that why don't they just have a bowl of pansies?

Diplomatically speaking, these bowls of mixed flowery metaphors all jumbled together is like issuing a communique saying, "The Ministers discussed matters of unilateral, bilateral, trilateral, quadrilateral and multilateral interest, with mutual undertones."

On the other hand, if the two of them sat there side by side on the jolliest of sofas with a spray of pure white roses in front of them, we'd know peace was at hand. But if they appeared in tattered, unlaureled deckchairs with a spray of poison ivy in a dirty milk bottle, we could all start digging fallout shelters and saving bottled water.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Verb tense
5 — in (contribute)
9 Makes a try
14 First word of the Declaration
15 "Mary — little..."
16 Desire
17 Paddock treats
18 State as a fact
19 O'Day or Ekberg
20 Unlicensed motorist?
23 Eyot
24 Italian writer Umberto —
25 Author of "Tristram Shandy"
28 Arrived
30 Much-used article
33 Army chaplain, to some
34 One of Woody's children
35 Sam's relative
36 Sotto voce
39 Midnight snack attack
40 Office note
41 Zola
42 Ship's course
43 Place for a chapeau
44 Powerful explosive

DOWN

- 1 "Tea for —"
2 Fictional whaler
3 Fraternal letter
4 Without blemish
5 Virtuous
6 Own
7 Concept
8 Separate
9 Far from plentiful
10 "— Kröger"
11 Mann story
12 — noire

13 Hesperus, for

- 21 Baseball Hall of Fame's Ralph —
22 Discharge from milit. service
25 Incentives of a sort
26 Rivers in Kenya and Norway
27 Actor Albert — de menthe
29 In addition
30 Characteristic cartoonist
32 One of the Barrymores
34 Biblical herb
35 Gamet of greenish hue
37 Last
38 Hire a fresh crew
43 Blab
44 Get avish
45 Slow mover
47 Dieter's nemesis
48 Peregrinate
49 Griso
50 His — (the boss)
51 Discontinue
52 Pth
53 Other
54 Evaluate
58 Doze

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
A BIT OF MAKE-BELIEVE

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ A 5
♥ 10 7
♦ Q J 6 5 4
♣ A Q 9 4

WEST

♠ 10 8 3 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ K 3 2
♣ 8 2

EAST

♠ J 7 6
♥ A J 8 2
♦ 8
♣ J 10 6 5 3

SOUTH

♠ K Q 4
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ K 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠. While bridge is a mirror of life in many respects, there is one important area of difference. Highway robbery is frowned upon in the best circles, but meets with praise, and sometimes laughter, at the bridge table. Sitting South on this hand from a team match was one of the country's leading women players, Lynn Deas of Schenectady, N.Y.

North's raise to two diamonds was inverted, showing a good hand but denying possession of a four-card major. Therefore, South's bid of two hearts, in theory, showed a heart stopper, although in practice it is doubtful whether it would have stood the test of an enemy attack.

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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The better influence of Mars will help you to sort things out. You will be able to do something you very much enjoy doing. However, you should not ignore an essential chore. Be reasonable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The situation is more complicated than meets the eye and you should be particularly cautious. Do not persist in doing something which is obviously not right in the circumstances. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be tactful.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

The moon's better influence will help you to keep your emotions under control. Do keep calm when dealing with an irascible person. Avoid making a mountain out of a molehill. Be conscientious.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should try to take a more dispassionate view of things. Do not think that everything that is happening around you is designed to get in your way. Make sure a friend of yours can rely on you. Be a little more optimistic.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should ensure that you are accurate in your calculations. Jupiter's better influence will help you to take the right decision. You will be able to improve your financial situation only if you continue to be frugal. Be sincere.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should not do anything that would be in bad taste or disrespectful. You should not think that you can rely on luck to get you out of trouble. Make sure you allow enough time for traffic hold-ups. Better a little too early than too late.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

By all means be swift, but do not try to gain speed by missing out on essential details. You should allow yourself sufficient room for manoeuvre and you should be prepared to make changes in the light of circumstances.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You are subject to more positive influences but it still is very much up to you to make the best of your assets. You will be able to bring something you began some time ago to a satisfactory conclusion.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be better able to deal with a rather unpleasant situation. You will get further by trying to use charm and persuasion than by trying to use force. You should avoid fooling with someone who is not likely to see the joke. Be attentive.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should not spend too much time dealing with a secondary matter. Eat only sparingly and make sure you get enough vitamins. Pay a little more attention to your appearance. Be more tolerant.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Japan pledges to boost its economy

Major nations' dollar strategy could backfire

TOKYO, April 6, (Reuters): The carefully crafted strategy of major nations to stabilise currency markets could be about to backfire, foreign exchange dealers said today.

They said the rapid Japanese economic growth that was one of the lynchpins of that strategy was threatening to lure funds into yen and away from the dollar, thus upsetting the markets' delicate balance.

"Operators are selling the dollar because they expect a further yen rise backed by the strength of the Japanese economy," said Daiwa Bank assistant manager Takamasa Yamazaki.

The US currency fell to 123.40

yen on Monday, its lowest in about three months, but has since recovered to around 125 yen as speculators bought back some dollars they had sold earlier.

Strategy

Under the multilateral strategy to reduce trade imbalances and stabilise currencies, Japan pledged to boost its economy and thus increase its imports.

It has delivered on that promise. But its huge success in doing so has only served to convince some investors the best place for their money is yen, not dollars, dealers said.

It was not supposed to happen

that way, they added.

The fall in Japan's trade surplus that has resulted from its faster economic growth was meant to convince investors that there was no need for the yen to rise further to help correct the world's lopsided trading patterns.

Rise

Shigeki Kawano, chief customer dealer at Mitsubishi Bank, said the yen's rise against the dollar and major European currencies was likely to continue. The dollar's recent fall started because of active yen buying by overseas investors last week.

"Overseas operators started to target the yen because they con-

sidered yen-dominated securities as the most profitable investment," Kawano said.

Recent bullishness in Japan's stock market is encouraging foreign investors to shift funds into Japan, backed by a market consensus the Japanese economy will remain strong.

Currencies

The Tokyo stock market has risen more than 5,000 points since the start of the year, and stands only a whisker away from its record high of 26,646.43 set on Oct 14, just days before the global collapse in share prices.

Dealers said the multilateral strategy to stabilise currencies could come unwound because

capital flows now have a much larger influence on currency markets than trade flows.

The drop in Japan's trade surplus means exporters here are left with fewer unwanted dollars to convert into yen. But the impact of that on the market can be easily overwhelmed if investors decide to shift some of their huge pools of funds into yen from dollars.

So far, the Japanese authorities do not seem too concerned. Finance Minister Miyazawa said he expects major nations to re-endorse their multilateral economic strategy when they meet in Washington next week.

Bank of Japan governor Sato-shi Sumita attributed the dollar's recent slight weakness to speculation and said the basic trend toward currency stability remained unchanged.

A senior Bank of Japan official admitted Japan's strong economy could attract capital into the country, putting upward pressure on the yen. But it will also reduce the country's trade surplus, putting downward pressure on the currency, he said.

The official added that information the bank has been able to cull so far on capital flows in March, did not appear to back up the thesis of a shift of investment into Japan.

Venezuela lists renewable energy endeavours

UNITED NATIONS, April 6, (Opecna): Since 1985, Venezuelan endeavours in the area of new and renewable energy sources had been focused on solar, small-scale hydropower and geothermal energy and biomass from urban waste.

Addressing the UN committee on development of renewable energy sources, Venezuelan candidate Eduardo Pratsel said his country's objective had been to free carbon fuels for export and conservation and to establish a balance between supply and demand.

Venezuela had also applied the principle that development would take place within a framework of three approaches — sources of energy, use of energy and technology needed for end-use, he added.

He said valuable cooperation had been received from the United Nations system and regional organisations, as well as bilateral cooperation from other countries and support from non-governmental organisations.

Fall

Mexico's delegate Edmundo de Alba said the fall in the prices of hydrocarbons had led some to forget that those resources were finite. Demand for energy was growing substantially and future energy demand would be quadrupled, he said.

The Nairobi programme of action should be re-endorsed as a whole and regular international activities established to promote new and renewable energy sources, he recommended.

Chinese delegate Liu Zhao called on developed countries to create "sustainable development and constructive cooperation" with developing countries in this field.

Starace Janolla of Italy said his country was "very active" in the geothermal energy area and was financing projects in Bolivia, Honduras, Costa Rica, Kenya and China at a cost of \$20 million. It was also considering the financing of the second phase of a geothermal project in Tibet worth \$3 million.

He pledged that his country would contribute \$230,000 through UNOP for projects to apply new and renewable energy in rural areas in developing countries.

Soviet delegate V.V. Serbanov said his country intended to increase emphasis on the development and use of new energy sources in its next five-year plan.

Demand for electricity on the rise

DUBAI, April 6, (Opecna): Demand for electricity in the UAE rose to about 19 per cent annually over the past two years, according to a report by the emirate's industrial bank.

The report estimated the UAE power-generating capacity at 3,850 megawatts, with Abu Dhabi producing 43 per cent, followed by Oubai 35 per cent, Sharjah 16 per cent and Ras Al Khaimah 6 per cent.

It added that the balance was being met through generators owned by the Ministry of Electricity and Power.

Capacity

The ministry, it noted, owns power stations throughout the country with a total capacity of 513.9 MW, with the largest station located in Ajman with a capacity of 101 MW.

Two new projects are underway, one in Abu Dhabi with a capacity of 400 MW and the other in Jebel Ali at 250 MW, the report said, adding that after their completion the UAE will be self-sufficient in electricity.

NCC to get funds to buy equipment for mining operations

Reactivating the coal industry in Nigeria

LAGOS, April 6, (Opecna): Before oil was discovered in Nigeria, coal was the main source of energy supply for the country's electricity generators. The railways depended solely on coal for their operations.

The discovery of oil in the country in the late fifties saw the railways changing their coal-fired locomotive engines to diesel engines and the electricity corporation switching over to oil/gas and much later to hydropower. These changes brought about a decline in the demand and utilisation of the country's coal.

Revitalisation

In view of the international oil market situation and Nigeria's bid to diversify its foreign exchange sources, the government recently pledged to reactivate the ailing coal industry. The Minister of Mines, Power and Steel, Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa said "the present administration is keenly interested in the development and revitalisation of the coal industry and has consistently looked for viable ways of achieving that goal."

According to the minister, funds will be provided to the Nigerian Coal Corporation to purchase equipment for mining operations this year. Bunu said the reactivation of the coal industry was geared towards revenue generation in the economy as well as preserving a strong source of foreign exchange earnings to ensure the availability of coal for domestic cooking and thereby assist in combating the menace of desert encroachment in the country.

Deposits

Coal mining in Nigeria began in 1916 and coal deposits are spread over Anambra, Benue, Bauchi, Imo, Kwara, Plateau and Ondo states of the country. Since mining began, over 70 years ago, only 25 million metric tons out of the country's proven reserves of about 1.5 billion tons had been mined.

F.N. Ugwu, the general manager of the Nigerian Coal Corporation, says that the corporation is currently operating two underground mines in Anambra state and another two surface mined in Benue state.

Ugwu says in addition to the four mines, the corporation operates a coal washer plant, which is capable of processing 80,000 tonnes of coal monthly.

According to him, there are bunker facilities for loading coal into wagons and ships in Enugu and Port Harcourt respectively.

Practice

Coal production in the country is still carried out with picks and shovels and this practice has reduced production currently put at about 900,000 tonnes yearly.

Earlier attempts to mechanise the coal industry in 1976 did not produce any meaningful result. The agreement with Kopek — the Overseas Coal Mining Company of Poland — to boost coal production failed because the equipment was obsolete and unsuitable.

Bunu says that overseas demand for Nigerian coal in 1986 alone was about five million tonnes. The minister is optimistic that if the country can meet the demand for its coal, Nigeria can displace South Africa which exports over 40 million tonnes of

coal annually to member countries of the European Economic Community.

At present, the government has plans to increase the use of coal locally.

Bunu explained recently that coal would be extensively used for power generation in the country. He said that the Oji River power station, located close to the main source of coal, would be replaced with a 120 megawatt coal-fired plant.

Efforts

"In addition, efforts would also be made to employ our coal for large-scale domestic cooking in prisons and schools," the minister said, adding that attempts would be made to replace firewood with coal to popularise its use for domestic cooking and prevent desert encroachment.

The successful reactivation of the coal industry will play an important role in the country's foreign exchange drive, and satisfy local demand. It will also fall in line with current efforts in developed countries to optimise the use of coal especially for power generation.

GCC oil income totals \$1,000 billion

OOHA, April 6, (Opecna): The six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) earned more than \$1,000 billion from oil sales since 1985, spending most of the earnings on the development of their infrastructure, according to the Gulf International Bank (GIB).

In a report released at the weekend, the Manama-based bank said that the foreign exchange reserves of GCC public sector during the period reached \$200 billion.

In 1986 the private sector of the GCC — comprising Opec members Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE together with Bahrain and Oman — deposited \$150 billion in various assets outside the region.

Noting an increasing role of the private sector in the development process, the report said that in 1986 the sector's contribution to the gross domestic product averaged 36 per cent compared to 30 per cent in 1980.

The private sector's investment was still limited, despite its increase as a percentage of aggregate capital assets, the report said.

Japan moving to stem flow of rampant insider trading

TOKYO, April 6, (UPI): Bowing to international pressure, Japan is moving to add muscle to its insider trading law. But everyone believes the rampant practice of profiting from inside corporate information may die hard.

A ban on the practice could hit one powerful group in Japan where it hurts most. Insider trading is a major source of funds for politicians, officials said.

Using confidential information about a corporation for personal use in stock or bond markets is seen as unfair because it gives an edge to a small portion of the investing public.

With only a vague securities law in force, directors of Japanese companies find it easy to leak inside information to relatives. Underwriters routinely let their best customers in on company plans to issue new stock.

Assumes

"Everyone assumes insider trading takes place here much more than in the United States because it's not considered wrong," said Edward Greene, former general counsel at the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Now that Tokyo has become one of the world's key stock markets, its trading practices are under growing scrutiny. Since the Ivan Boesky scandal brought the issue to public attention, insider trading has become a popular target of regulators seeking to protect stock market integrity.

Boesky, once one of Wall Street's most powerful stock speculators, is serving a three-year prison term after pleading guilty on April 23, 1987 to a single count of conspiracy to violate securities laws by making trades based on material not available to the public.

Record

The investor also paid a record \$100 million in penalties to settle civil charges filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which barred him from life from the securities industry.

In Japan, a ban proposed by the Finance Ministry on insider trading, to be debated in May by the Diet, or parliament, could punish those using "inside information" to profit or avoid loss on the stock market.

The proposal defines "inside information" as non-public corporate knowledge that might affect the direction of stock prices, such as plans for mergers, acquisitions and stock issues.

Major stockholders, stockbrokers, government officials, banks, accountants, lawyers and employees would be subject to the law.

It also recommends punishment for anyone who uses such information for personal advantage in the market after being tipped off by an insider.

Although specific penalties are not mentioned, a Finance Ministry official said they likely would be much less than the maximum three years in prison and \$23,000 fine under existing anti-fraud laws.

Insider trading by politicians is common in Japan, said Yoichi Masuzoe, a political science professor at Japan's prestigious Tokyo University.

Important

"Insider trading is a very important source of money to most politicians, even the highest member of the ruling party, even the prime minister," he said.

He believes as much as half the money used to finance political campaigns comes from profits gained through the practice, though its extent is hard to pinpoint.

But experts said politicians who know, for instance, that the government is about to alter monetary policy or commit itself to a major public works project use this information to deal in stocks that would rise or fall when the information becomes public.

Another common practice, they said, is for a Diet member to invest in a stock that is quickly bought up by an institutional investor with whom the politician has a relationship.

Investors

Hiroshi Okumura, an author of books on the Japanese corporation, said the dominance of institutional investors is the major difference between insider trading in the United States and in Japan.

"In Japan, it is seldom the unconnected individual abusing confidential information for personal gain," he said. "It is the institutional shareholders — issuing companies and underwriting securities houses — acting in unison to stabilise shareholding."

Exchanges

Masuzoe estimates as many as one-third of the 757 Diet members, mostly senior politicians, have engaged in insider trading. With that kind of self-interest at stake, he does not expect the Diet to pass the proposed law.

Other observers expect it to pass but question if enforcement will be strict enough to curb the practice.

Although the Finance Ministry will not add staff, it will step up monitoring of the stock exchanges and, for the first time, monitor private securities firms.

World Business Summary

OECD gloomier over payments imbalances

PARIS, April 6, (Reuters): The OECD is gloomier now about imbalances in the global economy than it was back in December when it issued its last major report, according to OECD sources today.

They said the Paris-based economic affairs "think tank" of 24 industrial nations now expects the US current account to show a larger deficit in 1988 and 1989 than predicted in December. Japanese and West German surpluses would also be bigger.

The imbalances have hit the dollar and were among factors cited in the loss of investor confidence during the crash on the money markets last October. The OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) said in its December economic outlook that the US current account deficit was likely to be \$134 billion this year, narrowing to 105 billion in 1989, against a 1987 deficit of \$162.7 billion. But according to latest unpublished working projections, the 1988 and 1989 deficits are now forecast to be \$140 billion and 112.7 billion respectively, mainly due to the lower dollar, the OECD sources said. The continued weakness of the dollar has made imports into the United States increasingly expensive, therefore widening the deficit. At the same time, the two major nations with surpluses have seen these grow as their currencies have been revalued. The current account is the balance of payments comprising a country's trade account and international transactions in invisible goods or services.

For Japan, the latest OECD estimates see a current account surplus of \$86 billion in 1988 and \$80.7 billion in 1989, compared to December forecasts of 81 billion and 79 billion respectively, and against a 1987 surplus of \$86.7 billion, the sources said.

For West Germany, the latest estimates give a 1988 surplus of \$43.7 billion and a 1989 surplus of 38.5 billion, compared to earlier forecasts of 41 billion and 32 billion respectively, and against a 1987 surplus of 44.3 billion.

KKR seeks permission to buy Texaco stock

NEW YORK, April 6, (Reuters): Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., the US investment banker that is a leader in taking big firms private, said on Tuesday it wants government permission to buy up to 15 per cent of Texaco Inc.'s common stock.

The stock price of Texaco shot higher after the announcement to close up \$3.25 at \$48 in heavy New York Stock Exchange trading.

A takeover by Kohlberg would make Texaco one of the world's biggest private companies, while the \$12-billion plus cost of Texaco would likely make it the largest leveraged buyout on record.

Texaco filed for bankruptcy protection last year after losing a legal judgment in Pennzoil Co., which claimed Texaco interfered with its takeover of Getty Oil Co. Operating under the supervision of the Bankruptcy Court, Texaco's ability to restructure has been limited.

Analysts said it was possible that Kohlberg might try to act as white knight to rid the No.3 US oil company of the unwanted influence of its largest shareholder, Carl Icahn, and other corporate raiders.

Icahn owns a 14.8 per cent stake in the company. KKR now holds 11.9 million Texaco shares, or slightly less than the 5 per cent level at which investors must publicly disclose their holdings. KKR's holdings compare with Texaco's total of 243 million shares outstanding.

US government permission is needed if an investor wishes to acquire 15 per cent or more of a company's shares.

Herbert Haft files proposal to buy stake in Woolworth

NEW YORK, April 6, (Reuters): Herbert Haft, a corporate raider who has tried and failed to acquire a string of big retail outlets, is seeking to acquire up to 15 million n.f.w. Woolworth company shares, Woolworth said today. In response to Haft's move, Woolworth announced a shareholder rights plan to protect it against what it said would be hostile acquisition by an "adverse person."

"It said Haft had filed a petition with the government that would give him permission to buy up to 15 per cent of the retailer after a 60-day waiting period. Woolworth's stock jumped \$3 to \$3.25 a share after the announcement. At its current price, Woolworth's 65.7 million shares are worth \$3.5 billion. Haft's move on New York-based Woolworth, through his investment group Monroe Partners, may represent the start of another in a string of takeover battles in the retail store sector, the latest of which ended with Friday's acquisition by Toronto-based Canadian Corp of Federated Department Stores, beating out R.H. Macy Company. Haft has said publicly that he hopes to acquire a large retail outlet. He failed in a recent offer for Smp and Shop Companies Inc. He also failed in a \$6.6 billion bid last year for Dayton Hudson Corp and an earlier offer for Supermarkets General Corp.

Woolworth's combative response to Haft's proposed purchase indicates that the retailer, which had more than 6,000 stores throughout the world at the beginning of the year, will fight Haft if he makes a full-scale takeover bid.

Indonesia to attract foreign investors for oil refining

JAKARTA, April 6, (Opecna): Indonesia was making preparations to attract foreign investors to the country's oil refining and processing sector, Minister of Mines and Energy Ganijar Kartasasmita said here. Several investors from Britain and Japan already expressed interest in the development of downstream projects of Indonesia's petroleum industry, he said.

Meanwhile, a British oil mission will visit Indonesia in the first part of June to study investment possibilities.

The mission, to be led by British Secretary of State for Energy Cecil Parkinson, will comprise about 50 representatives of Britain's oil companies, service firms and banks.

During the stay the mission will participate in a seminar on Indonesia's oil industry, organised by Pertamina, the Indonesian state oil company, aimed at improving cooperation between Indonesian and British companies in all petroleum-related sectors. Plans are also on hand for the construction of an export oil refinery in East Java under joint venture arrangements between Pertamina, the Indonesian state oil company, and a consortium of British and Japanese firms. An Indonesian oil executive told Opecna that the facility, to be located in the eastern part of East Java, would be designed for an output capacity of around 150,000 b/d of products.

The project would cost about \$900 million he said.

Oil income to surpass target

JAKARTA, April 6, (Opecna): Indonesia's foreign exchange earnings from oil and gas exports during the 1987-88 fiscal year which ended March 31 would be around \$5.03 billion, against the 4.22 billion target set by the government, a member of parliament estimated here. Budi Haryono, vice chairman of the parliamentary commission on mines, energy and industrial affairs, was basing his estimate on the \$17.56 a barrel price for Indonesian crude during the fiscal year while the government calculated its income on \$16. According to Haryono, by the end of last February revenues from oil and gas already surpassed the target for 1987-88 more than \$730 million.

He said that the target of \$5.36 billion set by the government for the oil and gas earnings during the 1988-89 fiscal year was "quite realistic." The government also calculated its 1988-89 state budget on the basis of a \$16 per barrel oil price.

International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt — New Zealand is issuing a 300 mln mark, five-year Eurobond with a live pct coupon priced at 100-3/4, lead manager J.P. Morgan GMBH said. (RTUA 1106)

London — The Kingdom of Sweden is issuing a 200 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due May 5, 1993, paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-1/2, lead manager J.P. Morgan said. (RTUX 1323)

Frankfurt — A unit of Banco Hispano Americano SA is issuing a five-year 150 mln mark Eurobond with a 5-3/8 pct coupon priced at par, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTUW 1322)

London — Fujiaba Corp, a Japanese manufacturer of fluorescent indicator tubes, is issuing a 100 mln dir equity warrant bond due April 28, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct and par pricing, Duesseldorf — Finland's Imatran Voima OY is issuing a two-tranche mark Eurobond totalling 100 mln marks, lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank — Girozentrale said. One 50 mln mark tranche is for five years and has a five pct coupon, priced at 100-1/2. The other 50 mln mark, 10-year tranche has a six pct coupon priced at 99-3/4. (RTTU 1051)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-1/2 3/8	8-9/16 7/16	8-5/8 1/2
FFI 3-25/32	3-25/32	3-35/32
PAR 7-3/4 7/8	7-3/4 7/8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-1/2 1-3/4	1-5/8 1-7/8
BRX 5.50	6-00 1/8	6-1/8 1/4
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-1/2 11	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 3-15/16 4-1/16	3-15/16 4-1/16	3-15/16 4-1/16
TOK 3.4375 5000	UNQ	3.8750 9375
ECU 6.062 6.187	6.12 6.25	6.37 6.50

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 1/16	6 9/16
3 months	5 7/8	6 3/8
6 months	5 11/16	6 1/8
1 year	5 9/16	6 1/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLIHOA	63.75	66.50	67 MICO	485.50	480	475
ACC	133	133	133.50	85.50	86	85 NOCIL	452.50	447.50	447.50
ASIA PAINT	140	138.75	141.25	81.50	84	84 OKAY	18	17.50	18.25
BAJAJ AUTO	195	198.75	198.75	64	63.50	64 PEICO	27.75	27.50	28
BAR. RAYON	180	177.50	177.50	79.50	80	79 PFIZER	54	53	54
BOM. OYING	121.50	123.50	125	79.50	73.75	75 PRE. AUTO	25	24.50	24.25
BR. BOND	84	83	85	79.50	73.75	77 RAYMOND	44	43.50	44.50
BSE INDEX	397.16	406.16	406.16	17.75	17	19 RELIANCE	81	82	85
CENTURYSPG	780	780	785	50.50	51	51.25 SIEMENS	59	58	59
COLGATE	171.25	170	170	137.75	136.25	137.50 SPIC	26	26.50	27
DEEPAKFERT	26.50	26.50	27	33	32	33.50 STONILLS	205	205	202.50
EI. HOTEL	48	45	47	52.50	52.50	53 TATA PHR	187.50	186.25	186.25
ESSAYEF	158.75	160	158.75	78	79.50	78.50 TATACHIN	60	60	61
ESSAR	17	17.50	17.50	50.50	50	50.50 TELCO	452.50	467.50	462.50
GAR. POLY	76.50	77.50	75.50	9.62	9.62	9.50 TISCO	663.75	671.25	677.50
GE. SHIP	26.65	26.85	27	83.50	77.50	81 VOLTAS	247.50	245	250

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	250.4
ALLIANZ VR	1355.0
BADEMERK	180.5
BASF	247.2
BAYER	264.8
BAYER HYP	360.5
BAYER VER	351.0
BBC	313.0
BHF	367.0
BMW	505.0
CHEMIE-VER	0
COMMERZBANK	234.5
CONTI GUM	249.5
DAIMLER	642.0
DEUTSCHE BNL	417.9
OLV	342.0
OLV-SHAR	244.2
OT BARCOCK	159.5
FAZ INDEX	455.72
GOLOSCHMID	251.0
GUTHOFF	0
HARPESTER	408.0
HOFENST AG	261.5
HOESCH	117.7
HORTEN	186.0
HUSSEL HLD	478.0
KALI SALZ	134.0
KARSTADT	455.0
KAUFHOFF	396.5
KLOECK H	102.0
KLOECK W	0
LIHDE	590.0
LUFTHANSA	148.0
MAN	160.9
MANNESMAN	124.0
MERCEDES	534.0
METALLGES	261.5
NIXDORF HY	544.0
NORSK PFO	51.70
PHILIP KOM	619.0
PORSCHER	530.5
PREUSSAG	156.5
PWA	198.0
RHEIN	212.5
RHEIN P	201.5
RHEINMETAL	293.0
SALAMANDER	265.0
SCHERING	439.0
SEL	310.0
SIEMENS	360.0
THYSEN	128.8
VARTA	273.5
VEBA	257.8
VEN	167.5
VOLKSWAGEN	244.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	14.80
CHEUNG K	7.50
CHINA GAS	16.20
CHINA L-P	18.90
CHINA MOTR	18.60
COSMO PROP	3.15
EVERGO IHO	35
FAR EAST C	72
GEN ORIENT	0
G N OVELEV	8.45
N S INOEX	556.56
HANG LUNG	4.85
HANG SUNG	33.50
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	8.00
HK KOWLOON	6.90
HK LAND CO	7.90
HK SHAR BX	7.25
HK SHAN HT	3.97
HK TELE CH	7.15
HUTCH WHAM	8.45
IND EO PAC	9.80
JARDINE H	12.50
KOMLOON H	11.60
NEV WORLD	10.00
PAUL Y CON	1.67
REALTY DEV	5.65
S H K CO	1.77
S H K PROP	10.10
SINE OARY	1.46
STELUX MFG	5.95
SWIRE PAC	17.30
T V B CO	14.20
TAI CHEUNG	3.40
UNION BANK	1.52
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HARI	0
WORLD INTL	3.27

AMMAN

ALADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG
ARAB ALUMINUM IHO.		
ARAB BANK	4.25	4.10
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.		
ARAB INSURANCE		
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNIV. INS	0.97	0.92
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK		
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.37	0.36
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.		
ARAB PHARMACEUTICAL	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.38	0.38
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.45	1.45
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.56	0.56
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT		
GENERAL MINING.	1.40	1.38
HIMEN MINERALS	0.79	0.79
HOLY LAND INS.		
IND. MATCH JEMCO		
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP. BKK	1.36	1.36
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV		
IRBIO ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH		
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75	0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.30	1.28
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	13.60
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.05	1.03
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.16	1.10
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.		
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.80
JOR LIM BRICK	0.50	0.50
JOR MANAG/CONSULT		
JOR NATIONAL BANK		
JOR PAPER CARBON		
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.20	2.20
JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.96	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
JOR SECURIT. CORP	0.88	0.87
JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
JOR WORSTED MLL		
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLEUM REF		
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP		
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.32	0.32
JORDAN DAILY		
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.19	1.18
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94	0.95
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	13.85	13.90
JORDAN KUMAIT BANK		
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.93
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.76	0.76
MACH/EDU/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.78
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.60
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.82	1.82
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF		
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.27	1.28
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.50	0.50
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
NATIONAL STEEL		
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.00	2.00
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.86	0.84
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39	0.39
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.83
SPINNING WEAVING		
THE HOUSING BANK		
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
YARMOUX INSURANCE		

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	71.00	74.00
STOCK				LC-A	46	47
AC-A	9.10	9.20	9.00	LC-B	48	48
AIS	4.10	4.15	3.95	PK-A	37	38
FER-A	2.32	2.40	2.40	PK-B	38	39
GLD	32.50	33.00	32.50	OIL SECTOR		
PLDT	145.00	146.00	144.00	BP-A	0.15	0.16
KPSI-A	1.60	1.54	1.54	BP-B	0.16	0.17
SMC-A	133.00	134.00	131.00	LRC-A	0.024	0.024
SMC-B	152.00	154.00	150.00	LRC-B	0.026	0.026
MINING SECTOR				OPH-A	0.037	0.037
APX-A	0.029	0.03	0.03	OPH-B	0.038	0.04
APX-B	0.029	0.03	0.03	OV-A	0.031	0.033
AT-A	21.75	22.00	21.75	OV-B	0.033	0.034

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR				
COMM. -INO.	276,410	8,408,895	772.78	18.09 UP
MINING	44,425,900	6,377,050	4,924.06	17.32 UP
OIL	31,100,000	744,500	5.565	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	75,803,310	15,530,445	760.73	7.60 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	71.00	75.00
STOCK				BC-B	71.00	80.00
SMC-A	133.00	134.00	132.00	LC-A	47	48
SMC-B	152.00	153.00	152.00	LC-B	48	49
ST-TIRE	28.50	29.00	28.50	ZIP	0.11	0.12
PLDT	145.00	146.00	144.00	OIL SECTOR		
ANSCOR	4.10	4.15	3.95	STOCK BUY		
AC-A	9.00	9.10	8.90	STOCK SELL		
GLD	32.50	33.00	32.50	BP-A	0.15	0.17
FER-A	2.30	2.40	2.40	BP-B	0.16	0.17
FER-B	2.40	2.40	2.40	LRC-A	0.026	0.028
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	0.026	0.026
STOCK BUY				OPH-A	0.037	0.037
STOCK SELL				OPH-B	0.039	0.04
APX-A	0.029	0.03	0.029	OV-A	0.032	0.033
APX-B	0.03	0.031	0.03	OV-B	0.033	0.034
AT-A	21.75	22.00	21.75	TA	0.023	0.023
AT-B	22.00	24.00				

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR				
C/I	242,600	7,345,365	756.17	UP 7.79
MINING	152,600,200	14,095,350	4,321.35	UP 29.11
OILS	89,300,000	2,236,500	5.892	UP 0.089
TOTAL	242,142,800	23,677,215	740.35	UP 8.13

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR CL	GUINNESS	255	254	LION CORP	147	147
ALJINOMOTO	285	285	GULA	-----	M UTD MFG	60	61
ALEXANDRA	150	150	H L INO.	115	115	510	510
AMAL IND	112	112	H TAI PAN	58	58	60	60
AMB HLDGS	180	185	HARIMAU	95	95.5	193	195
ANCOL	132	132	NAM PAR	280	275	380	380
BAI BROS	204	204	NEXZA	107	106	83.5	84
CALSBURG	580	570	RIMO HOTL	30	30	71	72
COLD STOR	386	382	NTL M'SIA	560	560	48	48
DATAP1	87	87	HTL NEGAR	350	350	410	410
OKH	490	490	HTL PROPS	88	87.5	590	575
DUNLOP IND	82	83	NTL ROYAL	115	115	21	21
DUTCHBARY	450	450	HUM HONG	162	162	45	45
ESSO ORP	372	368	IMATX	23.5	27	314	310
EU YAH S.	195	195	INTRACO	207	202	690	685
EVERPEACE	-----	-----	ISETHA	460	466	133	133
A A C B	60	60	J CEMENT	56	58	390	380
F E ASSET	47	47	J ENGRG	219	215	49	49
F F SHIP	200	195	K G HLDGS	118	97	212	205
F&M ORP	850	825	K XELLAS	283	283	740	750
F&B CABLE	-----	-----	K L IND	31	31	232	230
FEFO FLOOR	560	560	KAMUNTING	100	100	49	47.5
G KENT	72	72	K SANG	120	120	89	89
G TONIN	250	250	KENTUCKY	215	210	170	173
GENERS CORP	66	65.5	KORSA	204	204	480	480
GOOGL COIN	184	180	KG FLOOR	225	225	1120	1100
GOOLD COIN	184	180	XIANG JTO	238	238	270	270
GRAND CEN	98	98	KINGS HOTL	137	139	84	84
GRAND	120	120	KUMP EMAS	84.5	87.5	89.5	90.5
			L & MGRP	81	80	354	354
					SSANGYONG		
					TRANSNARC		

Tokyo stock market leaps towards record high

Dollar mostly higher, gold lower

LONDON, April 6, (AP): The US dollar rose today against most major currencies in light European trading. Gold bullion fell.

Dealers said the dollar was boosted when fears of a Japanese sell-off of dollars at the beginning of the new quarter failed to materialise.

But they said trading was likely to remain limited before next week's meeting of the Group of Seven major industrialised democracies and the April 14 release of US trade figures for February.

"It's not unthinkable that the dollar goes firmer, but there is nothing yet to act on," said a dealer at a bank in Frankfurt, West Germany.

In London, the dollar rose against the British pound. It cost \$1.8790 to buy one pound, cheaper than \$1.8800 late last night.

Move

The Bank of England sold pounds for West German marks today, intervening in the currency markets to brake an advance that has taken sterling to its highest values in two years, dealers said.

The British central bank would not confirm the move. But sterling steadied just above 3.1350 marks. Dealers had seen it headed for 3.15 and one said: "If it breaks through that level, we'll reach 3.20 marks before the end

of the week."

Until last month Britain sought to keep the pound below three marks, worried that its appreciation — high British interest rates are making sterling assets attractive — would crimp export earnings.

New York dealers said the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, intervened on the Bank of England's behalf and sold sterling for dollars yesterday.

Cooperation

The central bank cooperation precedes talks next Wednesday of finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrial nations at meetings of the International Monetary Fund.

Dealers said the question now was whether Britain would cut its key interest rates, now 8.5 per cent, to weaken the pound. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said she is reluctant to do anything that might fuel inflation.

The dollar against other key currencies was meanwhile stable, worth just under 1.67 marks and around 125 yen in Europe, after a rally seen yesterday lost impetus in today's Asian trading.

The United States, in the run-up to presidential elections, was reluctant to hoist interest rates to defend the dollar — but the last thing the industrial nations want now is a sagging dollar pinching the export-led West German and Japanese economies

and fuelling jitters in the stock markets.

A big tumble on the stock markets that some pundits had thought possible following the Easter holiday in Europe and the United States meanwhile has not happened — although Sydney ended lower and the volume of business there and in Paris and Frankfurt was very thin.

But Tokyo, the highest stock market, raced ahead, bringing the main market index within easy distance of its previous record high, set just before last October's crash.

Investors drew encouragement from yesterday's share price rises on Wall Street, stability in currency markets and a general feeling stock prices will soon hit a record, brokers said.

Selling

The key Tokyo share index climbed 195.82 points, or 0.74 per cent, to 26,511.17 in active trading. The record is 26,646.43, set on October 14, a week before Tokyo stocks crashed.

Cash yen bonds and yen bond futures also closed higher, after on local brokerage house began to buy actively in afternoon trade, prompting others to follow, dealers said.

By late afternoon in Tokyo, gold bullion was worth around \$452,000 an ounce against \$452.50 at New York's close yesterday.

Share prices in London closed mostly firmer but well below the day's best levels as sentiment was bit late in the afternoon by rumours of an imminent rights issue.

Dealers said prices were marked down protectively but there was little real selling. Among companies mentioned as cash-call candidates were Barclays Bank and Standard Chartered.

Traders said Standard Chartered was the more likely but one trader said, "in the past, if you had sold on the strength of rights issue rumours, nine times out of 10 you would be wrong."

At the official 1600 GMT close, the FTSE 100 index stood 7.4 points higher at 1,745 after reaching a high of 1,759.1 earlier. Barclays and Standard Chartered told Reuters they do not comment on market rumours but sources close to both banks said talk of an imminent rights issue from either was wide of the mark.

Dealers

Barclays closed a net 3p higher at 481 after 485 while Standard was net unchanged at 453 after 458.

Dealers said the rights issue rumours led to several other companies being mentioned. These included oil company Barmah, down 6p at 501, and Reckitt and Colman, 5p higher at 808

after 814. Both companies report profit figures for 1987 tomorrow. Paris shares were lower in thin trading but the firmer dollar and gains on Wall Street and in Tokyo boosted prices in Frankfurt, even though turnover there was also initially low.

Gold bullion fell in lacklustre trading. In London, the metal dropped to a late bid price of \$449.50 a troy ounce, down from \$451.50 bid late last night.

In Zurich, it also fell to a late bid of \$449.50, down from \$453.50 bid late last night. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold dropped \$5.60 to close at a bid \$453.21 down from \$458.81 bid at yesterday's close.

Silver bullion fell to a late bid of \$6.57 from \$6.65 bid late last night.

Dow surges over 50 points

NEW YORK, April 6, (Reuters): Wall Street's Dow index shot up more than 55 points today, prompting the New York stock exchange for the first time to shut down its automated order execution system to curb programme trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up as much as 55.71 points, at 2,053.22, in part because of programme trading by arbitrageurs using futures contracts.

Analysts expect New York Stock Market to remain volatile

ALTHOUGH share prices have settled down since the October crash most American analysts expect the New York Stock Market to remain volatile. Growth rates are down and the economic outlook remains certain, although most financiers seem to think that George Bush is certain to become the next President.

Even so, the US dollar is expected to remain vulnerable and a further fall of 10 to 20 per cent is not considered impossible.

Experience

Worse still, from the foreign investors point of view, is the fact that even after the crash, American stock prices still cannot be described as cheap.

Just before the crash, price-earnings ratios in the US market had risen to 20, which represented an historical high for this century. P/E ratios have now fallen to around 13, but this is nothing particularly low, in fact it is about average for this century.

Past experience shows that once downward corrections have

set in, price setbacks tend to be exaggerated downwards, rather than stabilise at a reasonable valuation.

Accordingly, investors should wait until these lower troughs are reached, rather than jumping in at present levels.

One factor is certain, smaller investors have deserted the markets in droves. The larger pension funds seem to be net sellers of equities, but have not yet deserted the stock market outright. "Pensions and Investment Age" magazine says that at the end of last year, the average pension fund still had 54 per cent of its portfolio in equities, so there is still a lot of scope for reductions if these funds feel the situation is going to worsen dramatically.

Investors

Foreign investment in US stocks has also dwindled, especially when compared to the first half of last year.

Swiss Bank Corporation, one of the more shrewd and conservative analysts around, advise

that investors should wait until US stocks are clearly undervalued before buying. Two factors could lead to this, a recession or if the money supply clearly outstrips the production of goods. Until either, or both of these events occurs, fixed interest investments will continue to outperform the stock market.

With regard to the budget deficits, it seems that Reagan's actions to cure the problem are no more than half-hearted and many observers remain convinced that only further devaluation of the dollar and another severe bout of imported price inflation will remedy America's trade deficit problems.

Not surprisingly, such a prospect makes everyone very nervous. However, US goods exports have been surging since the beginning of 1986, thanks in part to the cheaper dollar, and imports have just as clearly gone down.

If the trend continues, then it will slowly, but surely, begin to improve the trade balance figures.

Saudis step up petroleum, gas engineering research

RIYADH, April 6, (Opecna): The Research Institute of the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals now has nine laboratories dedicated to the development of petroleum and gas engineering in the kingdom.

According to an institute report released here, the laboratories cover a broad spectrum of research, carrying out in-depth studies related to petroleum exploration, reservoir development and hydrocarbon production.

It said that two long-term research projects were currently under way — the first dealing with the fundamentals of oilfield

scaling and the second examining the environmental and ecological conditions in the waters surrounding the kingdom.

Reservoir studies, including geological modelling, rock and pore characterisation, reservoir fluid analysis, fluid flow, core analysis and reservoir simulation, form an important part of the institute's work.

Enhanced oil recovery research is also carried out to determine the optimum combination of methods to maximise the eventual production of the oil now lying in the kingdom's underground reservoirs.

The institute devotes con-

siderable research to the kingdom's petrochemical industry, studying the utilisation of petroleum and petrochemicals along with natural gas refining.

Now in its ninth year of operation, the institute has experienced considerable growth this year. The central analytical and material characterisation laboratories were completed together with a new geology research laboratory.

Although the institute was originally engaged primarily in applied research and the transfer of technology, it has now initiated a programme for the manufacture and development of advanced equipment.

Energy rationalisation saves \$64m

BAGHDAD, April 6, (Opecna): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi said yesterday that the country's national campaign for energy rationalisation has resulted in saving more than \$64 million.

Speaking at a press conference here, the minister said the levels of oil production for the first quarter of this year were better than those registered over the same period last year.

All available means for exporting crude oil and products had been exploited, while import of certain types of lubricants had been reduced, Al Chalabi stated.

Capacity

Reviewing the achievements of the country's oil sector over the past few years, he said Iraq's export capacity across Turkey increased to 1.5 million bpd after the completion of the second expansion of the Iraqi pipeline.

He added that the country's export capacity through Saudi Arabia would increase to 1.65 million bpd after the completion of the second stage of a pipeline to the Red Sea port of Yanbu. The

first stage of which was commissioned in 1985 with a capacity of 500,000 bpd.

Meanwhile, The Middle East Economic Survey reported yesterday that Saudi Arabia has told its oil customers they must contract for at least 100,000 barrels per day to qualify for market-related price relief.

Some of the developments, the respected weekly newsletter said, Indonesia is selling crude at \$1.56 less than the official price set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Saudi Arabia has told buyers that "they must upgrade their volumes to the required 100,000 barrels a day if they wish to be eligible for price relief."

Contract

"Otherwise the full official prices will continue to be applicable," the newsletter said.

"In effect this will presumably mean that smaller customers will be squeezed out of the Saudi marketing pattern."

As an example the publication said Kyodo Oil of Japan, which

has a contract volume of 60,000 barrels a day, has been informed by the Saudis that "it will not be eligible for the discounted prices unless it raises its liftings to 100,000 barrels a day." So far Kyodo has not done so, it said.

The publication gave no details on the discounts offered. Opec is trying to support a price of \$18 a barrel for heavy crude oil but many Opec members have reportedly been selling at prices closer to the market price which is below the Opec level.

The Middle East Economic Survey reported that Indonesia has offered crude to Japanese buyers at \$1.56 less than the official price "despite affirmations by Indonesia's Pertamina (national oil company) to the effect that it has renewed term contracts with Japanese buyers effective April 1, on the basis of the full official price."

The newsletter said it is assumed that the oil is being invoiced at official prices but "some kind of rebate operation must be in operation."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, April 6, (Reuters): Australian shares closed lower after lacklustre trading in low turnover. The All Ordinaries index closed 5.5 points lower at 1,406.9.

TOKYO: Share prices closed higher in active trade after an overnight rebound on Wall Street and a firmer dollar boosted confidence and supported large capital issues. The Nikkei index rose 195.82 points, or 0.74 per cent, to close at 26,511.17.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed firmer supported by a late round of buying by foreign and local institutions. The Hang

Seng index rose 12.59 points to 2,556.56.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally higher on light speculative buying and bargain hunting with some late profit-taking well absorbed. The Straits Times industrial index rose 8.19 points to 935.02.

BOMBAY: Share prices recovered further despite end-account considerations in anticipation of better corporate working results.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended a quiet session higher and near the best levels of the session, boosted by strong demand for Deutsche

Bank and expectations the dollar will continue to rise.

ZURICH: Swiss share prices closed slightly higher after the board on moderate turnover in line with the positive trend on Wall Street. The All-Share Swiss index closed at 823.6 points, 7.3 points up.

LONDON: Prices were firm but just off their best levels of the day after a firm opening on Wall Street ran out of steam. At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index stood 19.5 points higher at 1,757.1.

NEW YORK: Stocks turned lower, giving up moderate gains on a lack of support, trading was light with many investors keeping to the sidelines. The Dow 30 was off about a point at 1996.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

The CTC announces that the closing date of the above tender is postponed from Tuesday, 5.4.88 to Tuesday, 26.4.88.

Tender No. HMA/M-86/88 Requirements: Construction, completion & maintenance of services building of MEF in Doha.

The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that the project completion period as stated in Section III (appendix to the Form of Tender, Page 68) — Project Completion Period is 12 months and not 18 months as erroneously stated in Item 7 of special conditions.

PT21-86/89 — Cleaning works of public libraries — Ministry of Education.

The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that the closing date is Sunday, 17.4.88.

P/5/71/87 — Supply of foodstuff — Ministry of Public Health.

The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that an error occurred in Quantity Tables in the column of Unit — Item No. 8, 9 & 10 was mentioned "Kilo" whereas the correct is "can".

National Housing Authority Tender No. NHA/T/204-87/88 — construction, completion & maintenance of 2 local mosques, type (B) & 2 Imam and Muezzin houses in Qurtan Housing Project section (E) block (1).

1. The NHA announces the above bidding according to the following documents:

Document I: Tender Procedure Document II: General Conditions & specifications. Authority's Tendering regulations.

Document III: Special conditions, specifications and their appendices, drawings and drawing index, bills of quantities, itemised lists and soil test report.

2. The documents are available at the Documents & Contracts Office at the NHA during office hours on presentation of the certificate of registration at Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Company Memorandum of Association and certificate approved by the Jus-

tifications for Settlement of Company Stock Transactions concluded under deferred payment showing the position of the tenderer, as from 7.4.88 upto 28.4.88.

3. Documents are obtainable from the Documents & Contracts office against the following fees per copy:

a) Documents I & II: KD240/- Document III: KD60/-

4. The bidder shall price all bills of quantities of the bidding.

5. The bidder shall submit all documents and drawings properly arranged and bound with his offer.

6. The last date for receiving the queries of bidders to be answered before the date of submission is fixed as 28.4.88.

7. Offers shall be submitted at the NHA office not later than 12 noon, Monday 16.5.88.

8. The initial guarantee shall be KD100,000/- to be submitted in the form of a bank guarantee issued by an accredited local bank effective throughout the offer's validity period.

9. The offer shall be valid for 90 days as from the date of opening envelopes.

(To be continued)

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Alfonsin, top advisers leave for Brazil summit

BUENOS AIRES, April 6 (AP): President Raul Alfonsin flew today to Brasilia for a two-day visit in which Argentina and Brazil will sign accords to increase economic integration and trade between the two South American nations.

Since 1986, Brazil and Argentina have signed joint production agreements for cars and small aircraft, nuclear cooperation accords and created "the gaucho," an intra-currency currency named after the South American cowboy of southern Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

A highlight of the growing economic union between Brazil and Argentina was last year's visit by Brazilian President Jose Sarney to a secret nuclear plant outside Bariloche, Argentina. Argentina leads Latin America in nuclear technology.

Plant

Alfonsin is scheduled to meet with Sarney tomorrow and join Uruguayan President Julio Sanguinetti for the inauguration of a new nuclear power plant in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo.

"Both countries are working to develop our nuclear technology in applications that are exclusively for peaceful purposes, and this (cooperation between Argentina and Brazil) is proof we have nothing to hide," Alfonsin said before leaving Ezeiza international airport.

Alfonsin was joined by Foreign Minister Danto Caputo, Economic Minister Juan Sourrouille, Public Works Minister Rodolfo Terragno, Agriculture Minister Ernesto Figueras and the head of the national commission for atomic energy, Emma Perez Forreia.

Trade talks

KUWAIT'S Minister of Commerce and Industry, Faisal Al Khalid yesterday received an Argentinian delegation headed by the Governor of Cordoba, Eduardo Angeloz.

A source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry told Kuna that Al Khalid discussed with the delegation ways of promoting commercial cooperation between the two countries.

Saudi oil minister to visit Mexico

Nazer replaces American as Aramco chief

DHAHRAN, April 6, (AP): Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Hisham Nazer has replaced an American to become the first Saudi chairman of the board of Aramco, the country's major oil-producing company, official sources said here today.

Nazer took over from John J. Kelberer, the last American in the post since the Arabian American Oil Company began operations in Saudi Arabia 55 years ago.

The change was made during the recent meeting of Aramco's board in Houston, Texas, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Kelberer will remain on the board as vice-chairman, though he has effectively retired from service, said the sources.

Aramco's current president, Ali I. Naimi, will take over from Kelberer as chief executive, they said.

Kelberer has undergone a

Arab Banking Corporation assets growing

EXPECTATIONS of a difficult operating environment for the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) Group in 1987 were fully realised during the year. The international financial community as a whole was afflicted by several major reverses, and ABC as an aspiring member could not but be affected.

The Group's commitment to developing its full international potential remains firm, however, and this has sustained further efforts to consolidate or even expand in important geographical and product markets. 1987 also saw the return to public ownership of ABC's largest subsidiary, Banco Atlantico, in a highly successful flotation directed primarily at the Spanish subsidiary's customers and employees.

ABC can be justifiably proud of the speed with which it has been able to restore public confidence in the fortunes of the bank. The experience with Banco Atlantico and with other acquisitions can be seen to vindicate the Group's investment strategy, especially in cases where progress has been based on the successful complementary nature of ABC's own interests and contacts and

the underlying business of the targeted institution.

In 1987 the ABC Group acquired through associated companies a 25 per cent stake in the Union Bank of Bangkok, which will provide further access to the retail and commercial banking interests the Group now favours and in a country with a healthy economy and considerable potential for further Arab world trade and investment connections, according to ABC annual report.

Impact

Three factors in particular had a negative impact on ABC's 1987 results: a major deterioration in the international debt situation; the October world stock market crash; and, the precipitous decline of the US dollar thereafter. The inability or unwillingness of several large sovereign debtors to meet interest obligations on their medium-term scheduled loans led to a direct and very severe reduction in the Group's consolidated net interest income.

In addition, some international banks' unilateral moves to reduce their risk exposure to non-performing sovereign loans led to the imposition of higher

mandatory provisioning requirements by certain regulatory authorities, and to an across-the-board decline in secondary market prices for sovereign debt that further limited opportunities available both for potentially profitable asset swaps and for more defensive portfolio restructurings.

A summary of the 1987 consolidated balance sheet shows that ABC's total assets grew by 20 per cent over 1986 from \$14,582 million to \$17,548 million, and that total footings at end-1987 stood at \$28,806 million compared to \$24,162 million at end-1986, representing a 19 per cent increase.

The contribution of ABC Group subsidiaries to consolidated total assets and total footings at the end of the 1987 financial year was 38 per cent and 32 per cent, respectively, compared with figures of 33 per cent and 26 per cent recorded at the end of 1986.

A considerable part of the increase in Group total assets and of the large contribution of subsidiaries can be attributed to the revaluation of the latter's non-US dollar-denominated assets.

Exports on the rise

Yugoslavia reports economic success and failure

BELGRADE, April 6, (Reuters): A government review of Yugoslavia's troubled economy reported stagnant growth, dwindling reserves and a net outflow of capital today.

But the report for 1986-87, which is being submitted to parliament this week ahead of a routine mid-term confidence vote next month, also spoke of positive achievements.

System

A summary of the document published today listed a rise in exports, a lower trade deficit, a balance of payments surplus and a reduction of external debt.

Prime Minister Branko Mikulic's government is struggling with problems that include 158 per cent inflation, a \$21 billion debt and worker unrest over low pay.

It reached a draft accord with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a rescue package last month involving a new one-

year standby credit facility to pave the way for a major rescheduling of debt with Western creditors.

Under the Communist nation's one-party system, prime ministers are chosen by a collective state leadership — the state presidency — and endorsed by parliament for a four-year term subject to parliamentary re-approval after two years.

Mikulic, in office since May 1986, faces this test on May 15. The biennial report provides the basis for parliament to debate the government's performance.

Improving

Western diplomats and Yugoslav analysts differ on whether Mikulic will pass the test, noting that his government has been accused of incompetence by some politicians.

Its report said exports rose by 11.6 per cent in 1986, by 17.6 per cent in 1987, and by 27 per cent in the first months of 1988, with

sharpest growth in hard currency areas.

But analysts said this partly reflected a weak dollar rather than a high rise in physical volume of exports.

The report said imports fell slightly over the past two years, lowering the trade deficit by \$975 million in general and by \$1.5 billion with hard currency markets last year. It said the situation was still improving.

The report said Yugoslavia had a balance of payments surplus in both years, \$1.09 billion in 1986 and \$1.25 billion in 1987. The balance of payments surplus with hard currency areas over the combined two years was 1.3 billion.

But, as debt servicing payments increased, there was a net outflow of capital of \$2.5 billion in the period, eroding foreign exchange reserves. IMF figures show Yugoslavia had only \$592 million of reserves in

January 1988.

In mid-1987, Yugoslavia had to miss \$253 million of repayments on its debt because reserves were too low, the report said. This led to the present talks with the IMF.

Problems

The government report also cited problems in obtaining dues from trade partners in the developing world. It said Yugoslavia was owed \$4.3 billion by developing countries, of which \$600 million which fell due last year were not paid.

But it said Yugoslavia had reduced its own overall debt by \$3 billion over the past three years.

It said it was necessary to slash the proportion of export revenue used to service the debt, and current debt talks were intended to achieve this. The government has said it wants to cut the ratio to 25 per cent of export income from 45 per cent.

Tender No. HMA/M-87/16 Requirements: Construction, Completion & Maintenance of Road Parallel to Security Wall around International Airport.

Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette, Issue No. 1764 dated 20.3.88, the CTC hereby agrees to include M/s Al Abmadiah Contg. & Trdg. Co. in the list of companies qualified to participate in the above tender.

Tender No. C/73053 Requirements: Completion of Fittings & an Item to be Removed. Modification of Food & Fuel Oil Section in Heavy Duty Unit — 1st Stage.

Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette, Issue No. 1763 dated 13.3.88, the CTC hereby confirms the inclusion of the following companies in the list of companies qualified to take part in the above tender:

1. Khalifa Duaij Al Daboos & Bros. Co.

2. Al Adasani Contg. Est.

3. Khalid Ali Al Khorai & Bros. Co.

4. National Electro Mechanical Works Co. MEW/224/7102-87/88 Requirements: Supply & Installation of Main Stations.

Contractors already obtained the above tender documents are requested to collect the relevant addendum No. 1.

John Naimi

Dear Junior Readers,

Being able to laugh at our own mistakes and to see the humour in a difficult situation is a very special skill. Often we get so absorbed with how important we are that we take ourselves too seriously. It feels so good to be able to laugh at oneself when caught making a really silly mistake. Making such a mistake does not mean we are silly or stupid and laughing at such a time simply acknowledges that we are not perfect.

Try a good laugh next time you make a mistake instead of getting angry at yourself. You'll probably feel a lot better and learn more from the mistake.

Aunt Barbara

Asia

Where the art of ikebana and bonsai was born

Ikebana is the art of arranging flowers in a pleasing pattern. It developed from the custom of offering flowers to the Buddha and was introduced into Japan early in the seventh century. At first ikebana was used only as a form of worship of the Buddha. Priests decorated Buddhist temples with flower arrangements which were not only beautiful but also symbolised various religious ideas. Later, towards the thirteenth century, ikebana was also used to adorn the royal palaces and the houses of the nobility. Later still ikebana spread to the homes of ordinary people and today it is one of the most graceful traditions of Japanese life.

Bonsai is the art of arranging plants into certain shapes and is the Japanese word literally meaning 'tray planted'. It



is an older art than ikebana and first began in China. Ikebana uses fresh flowers and other decorative material such as twigs, mosses and leaves. Bonsai is the art of growing fully developed trees in miniature. This is done by keeping them to a small size while still making them look like real trees. It is a very difficult art and requires a great deal of patience and time. To produce a dwarf tree between 30 and 40 centimetres high can take up to 100 years of careful work. The art of bonsai is passed on from father to son and one tree can be handed down from one generation to the next as a valued possession.

JUSTIN MORGAN walked along a dirt road in Massachusetts. He was too poor to own a horse. This was two hundred years ago, so he had to walk wherever he wanted to go. Justin had come all the way from Vermont to collect some money a man owed him.

But when he got there the man said, "If you want money you'll just have to wait. I can give you something else though." He pointed to two horses in a field nearby.

Justin was a teacher. He didn't need a horse. And the man owed him much more money than Justin would get from selling those two horses. But he had come a long way. Two horses were better than nothing. Finally Justin nodded and started home with the horses.

One horse was big and powerful looking. Justin could sell him. But he shook his head when he looked at the other horse — a colt he named Figure. Figure was only fourteen hands high (a hand is four inches). That wasn't very big for a horse. "He's probably worth nothing at all," Justin thought.

Figure had run wild for two years. His coat was covered with mud and dust. Justin could hardly tell what colour he was. So when he reached home, Justin Morgan washed the little horse. He picked all the burrs out of his mane and tail. Then he brushed and combed him all over until the horse's coat gleamed in the sun.

"Why, he's handsome!" Justin's daughter Emily

The story of Justin Morgan

cried.

It was true. The horse's legs and ears were a shiny black. The rest of his coat was a nice reddish-brown. His mane and tail were thick and long. His back was straight and his muscles firm and strong.

Figure had never been trained. But he learned quickly. Soon he was pulling carriages and wagons. He was so gentle that the youngest child could ride him.

And he was smart. "Sometimes I think that horse knows what I'm thinking before I do myself," Justin said.

Figure was strong too. He could carry a rider or pull a wagon all day — and never seem to tire. Best of all, he was always willing to do whatever was asked of him.

Justin Morgan was proud of Figure. But he was very poor. He couldn't afford to keep a horse. He didn't want to sell him either. Maybe he could rent him to someone.

Justin went to a neighbour named Robert Evans. "I hear you need a horse," he said. "What about renting mine?"

Mr Evans had heard good things about Figure, but still he said, "That horse of yours is too small — and the work I do is mighty hard. What I need is a really big horse."

Justin smiled and said, "Try him." So for fifteen dollars a year Figure was rented to Robert Evans. Soon Mr Evans knew just

how good a bargain he'd made.

Two hundred years ago horses did the work that farm machines and cars do today. They were never treated like pets. They were work animals — that was all.

Every day Evans and Figure went to work. From dawn to dark they hauled heavy logs out of the woods. They pulled big stumps and rocks from the ground. It was hard, hard work — but Figure was always willing.

One evening Robert Evans and Figure passed a sawmill on their way home. Men and horses were standing in the clearing in front of the mill. A huge pine log lay on the ground — more than 150 feet from the sawmill.

"What's going on?" Robert Evans called out. A man explained. One horse after another had tried to drag the log to the mill. But none had been able to move it more than a few inches.

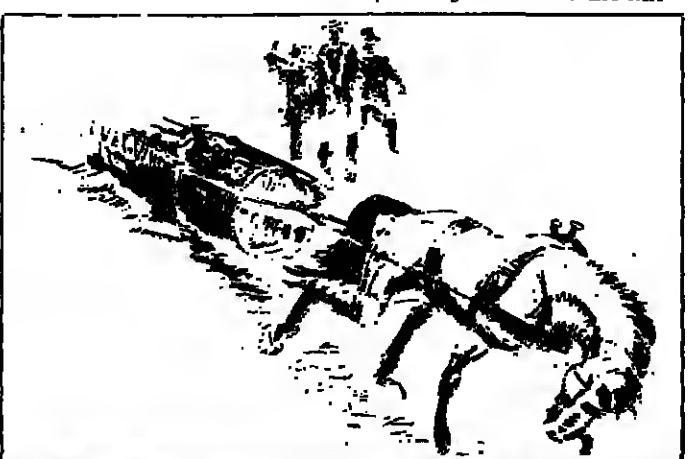
Robert Evans walked over to the log. He looked at it from one side — and then the other. "Why, Figure can do it," he said. Everyone looked at Justin Morgan's horse. Some began to laugh. "That horse?" one man said. "Why, horses almost twice his size couldn't move that log."

"I say Figure can do it," he said again. "And I say he can do it in three pulls — or less."

He snapped one end of a heavy chain to Figure's harness. He wrapped the other end around the log. Then he patted Figure on the shoulder. "All right, boy," he said quietly. "It's just another log — only bigger."

Then "Giddap!" he cried. Figure tensed. He leaned forward. His hoofs dug into the ground. Every muscle in his body strained. He was pulling as hard as he could. And nothing was happening.

Then somehow he pulled just a little bit har-



der — and the log moved! At first only an inch. Then three inches. Then a foot! Slowly Figure dragged the log to the middle of the clearing.

"Whoa, boy," Robert Evans said. For a few minutes the little horse rested. Then "Come on," said Robert Evans. "Time to work some more."

Once more Figure strained forward. Once more the log began to move slowly and steadily — right up to the mill.

Everyone began to talk at once. "What a horse," one man said. "Why, that Morgan horse is the biggest little horse I ever saw!"

A few weeks later — at the end of a hard day's work — Robert Evans and Figure passed a country store where a group of men were racing their horses.

"Want to try your horse, Evans?" someone called. Robert Evans nodded. "I might."

"Oh, come on," one of the men said. "I know Morgan's horse can pull logs. But his legs are too short for racing."

Figure had never been in a race. Still, he seemed to sense that something exciting was about to happen. He began to prance. Then "One-two-three Go!" someone shouted.

Figure took the lead right away! The race wasn't over, though. The other horses had much longer legs. Surely they would catch up before he got to the end. But Figure held his lead. He won by four times the length of his own body.

One day Justin Morgan went to see Robert Evans. "I need money badly," he

said. "The fifteen dollars rent you pay for Figure each year is just not enough. I hate to do it — but I have to sell the horse." So both men watched sadly as Figure was led away.

Soon after that Justin Morgan became sick. His fever rose and his cough grew worse and worse. One day he lay in bed talking to a friend. "I know I am dying," he said. "And soon no one will know I've been alive. No one will remember my name."

How wrong he was! already many people were calling Figure by Justin Morgan's name. Before long everyone would be thinking of the horse as Justin Morgan.

People talked about the horse Justin Morgan because they had noticed something very unusual. The children of Justin Morgan all looked like him. It didn't matter what the foal's mother looked like. They all had his same intelligent eyes. They all had his sturdy legs and strong muscles. And his children grew up to be like him too. They were all gentle yet spirited, strong and fast and eager to work.

Soon Morgan horses were carrying the mail. They were taking Americans westward — all the way to California. They were fighting in wars and working on farms. They became fire horses and police horses and racing horses and riding horses. Thousands of Morgan horses did all these things and more — as they helped build the United States of America.

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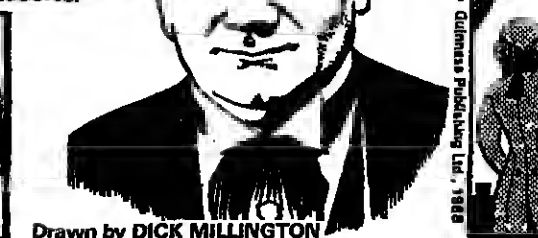
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Chocolate nests

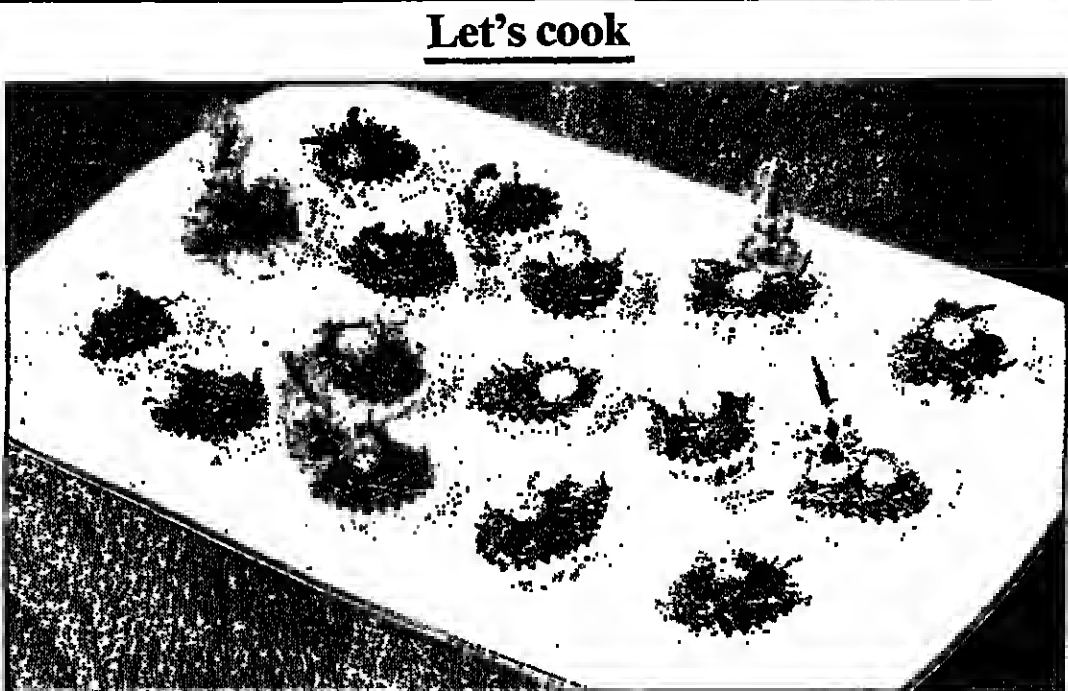
Ingredients

100 g (4 oz) chocolate
2 Shredded Wheat portions
100g (4 oz) coloured sweets

Equipment

Small basin
Pan
Wooden spoon
Small paper cake cases

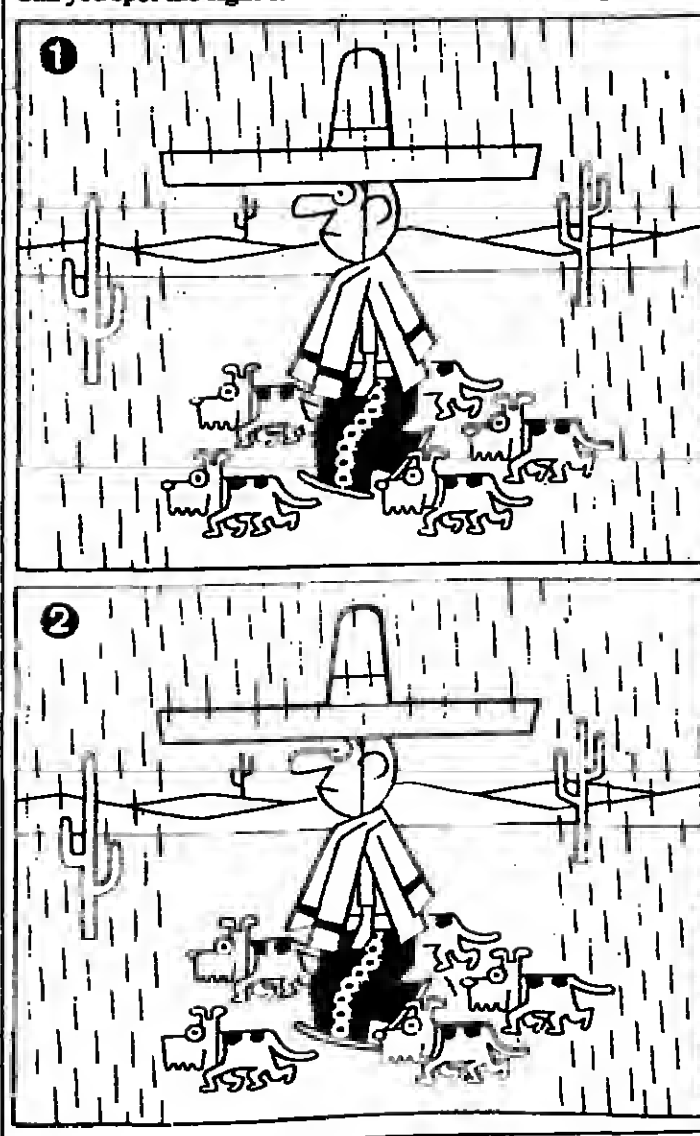
1. Melt chocolate in small basin over pan of boiling water.
 2. Break up Shredded Wheat, add chocolate and stir well.
 3. Place in cake cases, press centre down to shape nest.
 4. Leave to set in cool place.
 5. Fill with sugar eggs or sweets.
- (You can make marzipan eggs and dip them in coffee, see photograph.)



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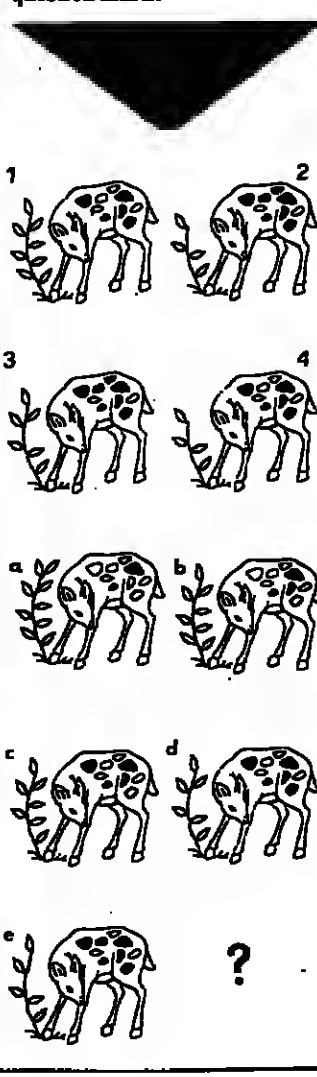
Hat trick

Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



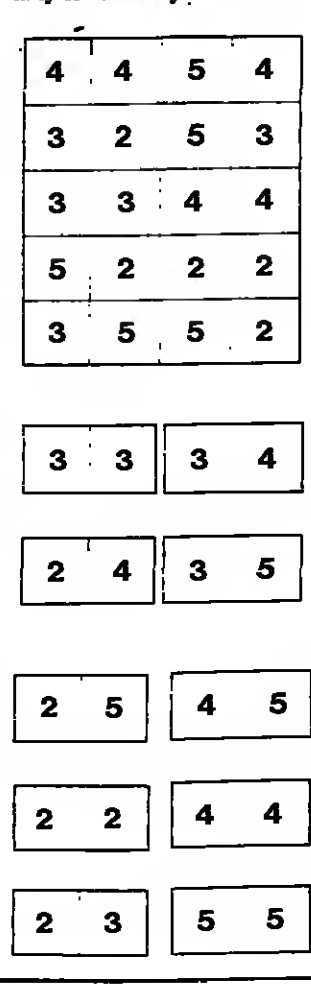
It's logic

Which of the four number deer logically fits in the place of the question mark?



Pattern maker

Can you place the numbered blocks into the grid so as to form the pattern shown? The blocks may be placed horizontally or vertically.



Against the law

The illusion:

You borrow an open bottle of liquid (cola, soda) from the bartender and hold it between your two hands, top and bottom. Reversing the position of your hands to bring the bottle upside down, you then slowly remove your hands from its mouth, and the liquid stays in the bottle! You even let your audience look closely at the neck of the bottle and they see the liquid right up to the mouth, but there it stops! Then you hold it over a glass and tap the bottom, and out comes the liquid!

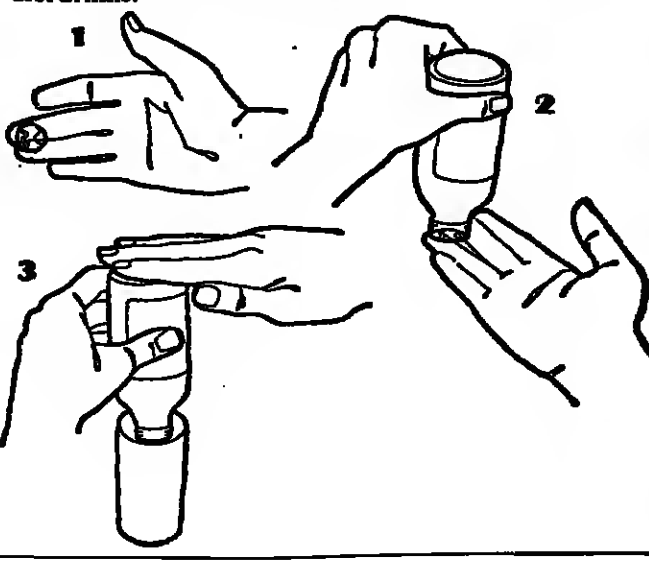
The preparation:

Long before, you have cut a circle the size of a quarter out of the cellophane of a cigarette pack. Have this where you can get to it readily. When you're ready to do the trick, moisten your right index and middle fingers and touch them to the cellophane (1). It will stick to them and be practically invisible.

The trick:

Take a small, filled bottle in your right hand, set it on the outstretched fingers of the left, then put your first two fingers over the mouth. The cellophane goes right over the opening and you change the positions of both hands slightly to turn the bottle upside down. Close your left fingers to grip the bottle by its sides. At the same time, spread your two right fingers against the mouth of the bottle to make a good seal (2). Remove your right fingers and the liquid will remain in the bottle. If you have cut your circle the right size, you can inspect the mouth closely and still not see the cellophane will drop into the container and no one will ever find your gimmick (3).

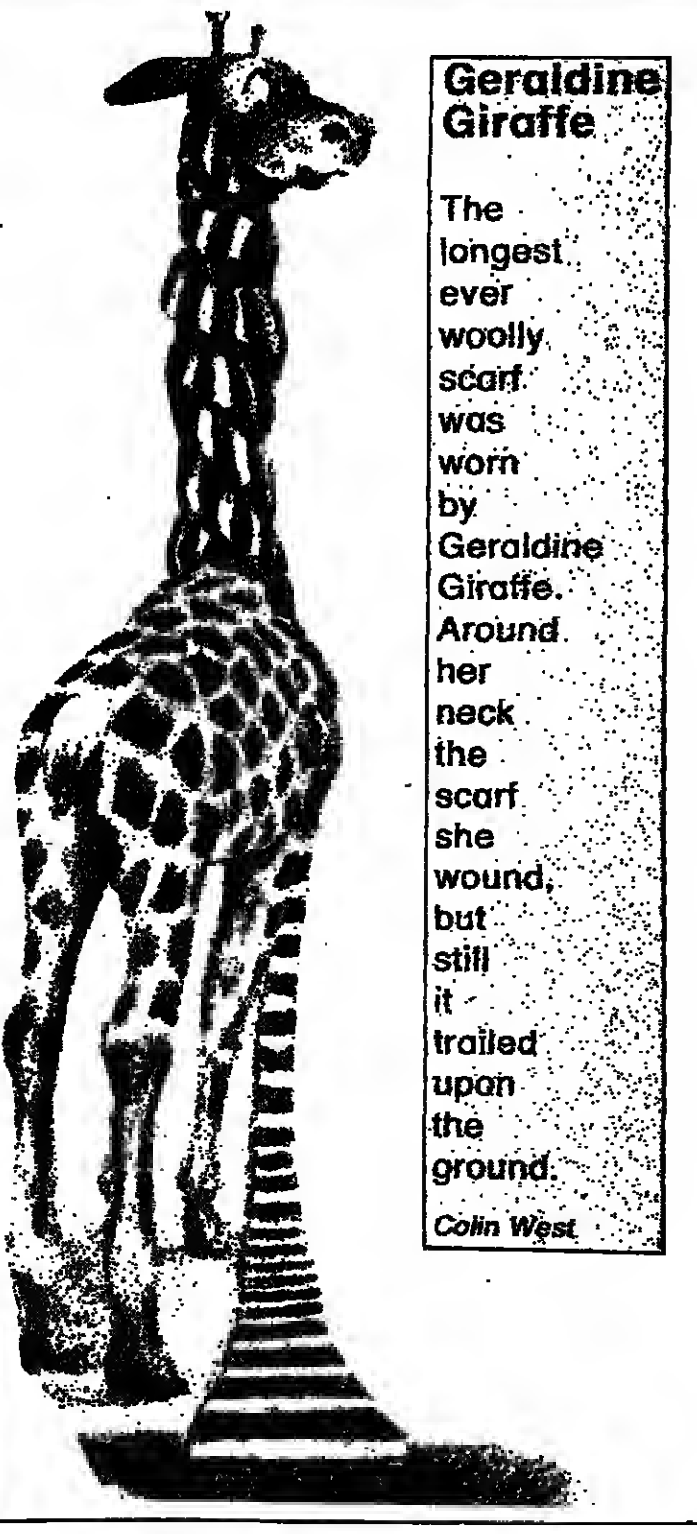
"Thank you, teeny-weeny genie ... actually, she prefers diet drinks!"



Geraldine Giraffe

The longest ever woolly scarf was worn by Geraldine Giraffe. Around her neck the scarf she wound, but still it trailed upon the ground.

Colin West



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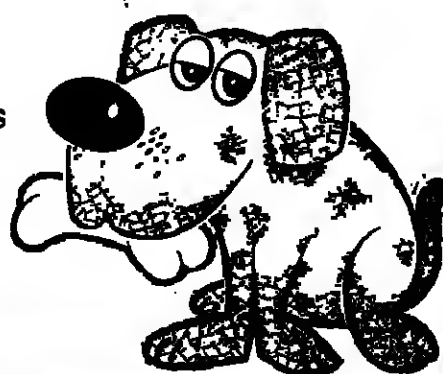
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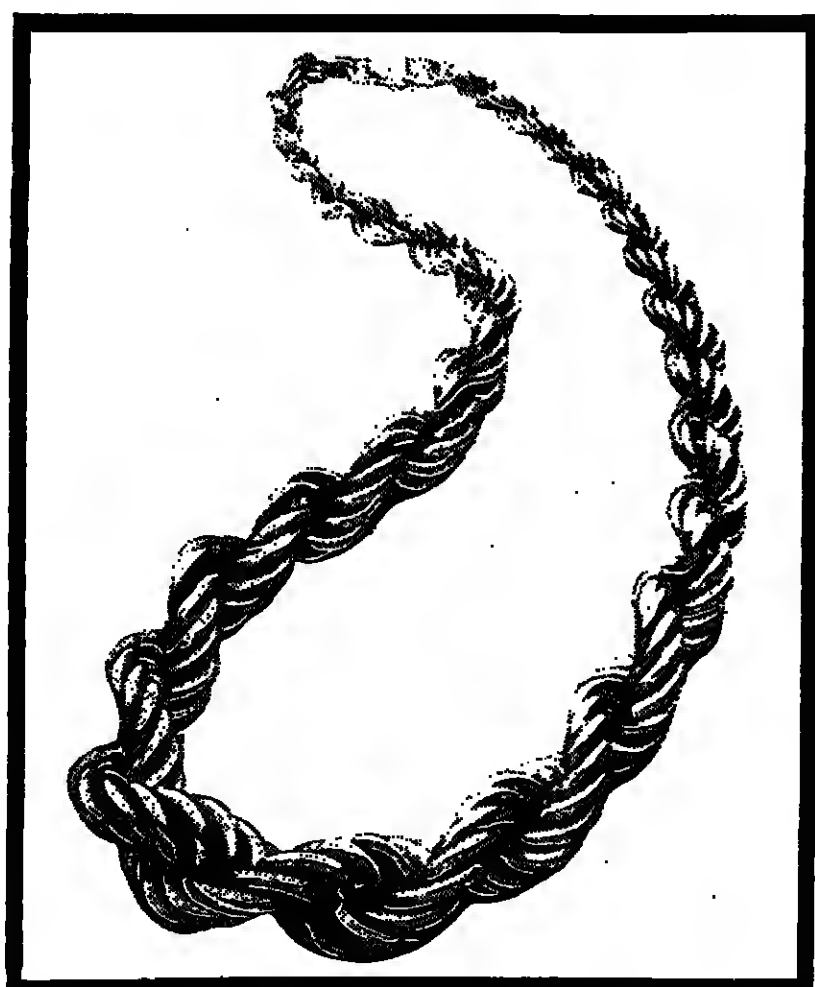
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LYLE, BALLESTEROS AND NORMAN LEAD OVERSEAS CONTINGENT

Strong field for 52nd US Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 6. (Reuters) Surging Briton Sandy Lyle, magical Spaniard Severiano Ballesteros and dogged Australian Greg Norman lead an impressive overseas contingent into the 52nd US Masters golf tournament tomorrow.

"This may be the strongest field of foreigners ever in the Masters," said Norman, who finishing a frustrating second the past two years.

"The odds are pretty good that a foreigner will win," added Norman, who finished a shot behind Jack Nicklaus in 1986 and lost a heart-breaking playoff to the now-legendary 45-metre chip shot by American Larry Mize last year.

Champion
Lyle, 30, has already won two tournaments on this year's US Tour, including his playoff victory on Sunday in the Greater Greensboro Open, and he leads the money-winning list with earnings of \$408,021.

"Sandy is playing well," Norman, the 1986 British Open Champion said after a practice round with Lyle, who preceded him as British Open winner in 1985. "He can putt and he knows the course by now."

But asked to pick a potential winner — besides himself — the flaxen-haired Australian went first for Ballesteros.

"I'd always point my finger at Seve," Norman said of the Spaniard who won the first of the four major tournaments twice — in 1980 and 1983.

"He's won before. He knows the golf course — and that is very



Ballesteros (left) and Norman: two of the top contenders

important here," added Norman.

Knowledge of the course, however, is not all it takes to win here.

"You must have confidence, too," said Norman, who offered a personal favourite in that category — Ian Woosnam of Wales.

Woosnam, the most successful golfer in the world last year with winnings of more than \$1.8 million, is playing here for the first time.

"I played with Ian today and

he looked like he had been playing the course for 10 years," Norman said yesterday, after Woosnam went round Augusta National for just the second time.

"He just doesn't get intimidated."

Woosnam agreed.

"If you are not frightened to win, there is no reason you can't win," the 30-year-old Welshman, who won five times last year plus the World Matchplay and the World Cup with David Lewellyn, told reporters.

"I'm not frightened to win,"

stands as the course record.

Mize, the first native of Augusta to win the title, tied with Ballesteros and Norman last year. Then after the Spaniard bogeyed the first extra hole in drop out, Mize chipped in at the second for his amazing birdie.

Headmits still being excited by the shot — "It still goes in my dreams," — and said he did not feel any added pressure being the defending champion.

"I just want to enjoy this week no matter what," he said.

The rest of the Americans include a score of former Masters champions and a host of winners of the other major championships — the US and British Opens and the American PGA Championship.

Among them are Tom Watson, Ben Crenshaw, Ray Floyd, Fuzzy Zoeller, Lanny Wadkins, Lee Trevino and Andy North.

They all have to worry as well about a guy named Jack Nicklaus, who was considered "too old to win" two years ago when he won an unprecedented sixth green jacket at the record age of 46.

"He is using a metal driver now," Norman said of his hynod idol, who is now hitting the ball 30 yards longer. "And it has given him the confidence to play aggressively again."

Nicklaus, who played a practice round with Norman last week, also had a warning for his Australian friend — and everyone else.

"He said," Norman related, "Watch out for me next week. Now next week is here."



The members of the All-Stars softball team.

Kuwait All-Stars finish second

LED by the acrobatic catches and superlative hitting of Steve Diemler, together with the consistent pitching of Clarence Jabs and Mike Anderson, the All-Stars softball team from Kuwait won 2nd place in a field of 12 teams at the Dubai International Tournament held March 30-April 1 in Dubai.

The All-Stars from Kuwait scored 90 runs in seven games and hit over 500, but finally succumbed in the championship game to the Maersk Line team from Saudi Arabia after leading 6-3 in the 5th inning.

This was the 2nd consecutive Dubai tournament in which the All-Stars competed for the

championship only to lose in the final game of the tournament.

Outstanding individual tournament hitting performances came from Steve Diemler (.780), Nick Hilmers (.640), Lee Ehrei (.620), Chuck Shriner (.550), Tony Zangl (.550), Vic Mason (.500), and Nigel Nightingale (.530).

West German takes lead in Spanish race

DURANGO, Spain, April 6. (AP) West German rider Rolf Golz took overall leadership in the 28th Tour of the Basque country cycling race after he won the second leg yesterday.

Golz won the leg, a 184-kilometre stretch from Beasain by outpacing 18 other riders on an final sprint.

He was clocked in five hours, two minutes and 13 seconds.

All the 118 riders in the five-day, 852-kilometre race encountered heavy rain and five mountain passes on their way to Durango.

Same
Other ten top-placings in the leg, all with the same time as the winner: Sean Kelly, Ireland; Julian Grosse, Spain; Luis Lagua, Spain; Gert-Jan Theunisse, the Netherlands; Marino Lejarreta, Spain; Alvaro Pino, Spain; Anselmo Fuent, Spain; Luc Suikerbuijk, Belgium and Jean Claude Bagot, France.

Golz was leading the general standings with 9:39:13 followed with his same time by: Kelly, Lagua, Gheunisse, Pino, Grosse, Lejarreta, Acacio de Silva, Portugal, Suikerbuijk and Pedro Delgado, Spain.

Today's third leg was to be run between Durango and Ibañeta, separated by 154 kilometres and five mountain passes.

Vaganian quits Swift tourney

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 6. (AP) Rafael Vaganian withdrew today from the Swift World Cup chess tournament after the sudden death of his brother in Erevan, Soviet Union, event organisers said.

Geurt Gijssen, the tournament's chief arbiter, said the event will continue with 17 players.

"The results of Rafael Vaganian do not count for the final tournament score," he said.

Bass takes Astros past Padres

NEW YORK, April 6. (AP) Kevin Bass had plenty on his mind all day, but managed to have a great night, anyway.

"It was a day when my emotions were mixed but when you go to the plate it becomes second nature," Bass said after helping the Houston Astros beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 with a two-run pinch single yesterday.

Bass, reportedly part of a proposed deal for Yankees outfielder Dave Winfield, shut out the Padres in the eighth.

He drove a pitch by reliever Lance McCullers into left centre field scoring two runs and tying the score at 3-3. Billy Hatcher later drove in the winning run.

Bass' hit helped make Mike Scott the winning opening day

pitcher for the second season in a row.

Elsewhere in the National League, Chicago beat Atlanta 10-9 in 13 innings. Pittsburgh nipped Philadelphia 5-3 and Los Angeles blanked San Francisco 5-0. In a pair of American League shutouts, Oakland downed Seattle 6-0 and New York beat world champion Minnesota 8-0.

Cubs 10, Braves 9
Manny Trillo's 13th-inning sacrifice fly lifted Chicago over Atlanta in a game that included a controversial interference call on the Braves and a record-tying seven home runs by both clubs.

The Braves appeared to have won the game in the bottom of the ninth when Albert Hall bounced a two-out infield single

behind second base with Gerald Perry at second. Perry, who was caught in a rundown between third and home, scored when catcher Jody Davis' throw hit him on the helmet and hounded toward shortstop. But home plate umpire Bruce Froemming ruled that Perry interfered with third baseman Law and called him out.

Pirates 5, Phillies 3
Darnell Coles' three-run homer highlighted a four-run third inning that carried Pittsburgh over Philadelphia 5-3. The Pirates erased a 2-0 deficit in the third as Mike Schmidt's error at third base set up three unearned runs.

Dodgers 5, Giants 0
Oral Hershiser outdueled San

Francisco's Kelly Downs with a three-bitter and squeezed home a run in the sixth inning as Los Angeles beat the Giants, Hershiser, making his 1988 debut after consecutive 500 seasons, struck out six and walked two en route to his 12th career shutout.

Yankees 8, Twins 0
Rick Rhoden pitched a three-bitter and Mike Pagliaro and Rickey Henderson homered as New York opened the season by beating Minnesota Twins 8-0, starting Billy Martin's fifth term as the Yankees manager.

Athletics 6, Mariners 0
Boh Welch pitched seven shutout innings, yielding seven hits and striking out six in his American League debut as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Seattle Mariners 6-0.

Hawks score 6th straight win

NEW YORK, April 6. (AP) Dominique Wilkins scored 34 of his 39 points in the first half and Kevin Willis finished with 25 as the Atlanta Hawks won their sixth straight National Basketball Association game yesterday, 121-110 over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Wilkins, the NBA's second leading scorer, helped Atlanta open leads as large as 19 points in the first half. But John Lucas hit two 3-pointers as Milwaukee came back from a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to get within five with 1:18 to play.

Ricky Pierce led Milwaukee with 21 points and Terry Cummings added 19.

In other games, Phoenix beat Utah 111-106, the Los Angeles Lakers edged Seattle 94-90, San Antonio defeated Golden State 117-104, Portland stunned the Los Angeles Clippers 141-119, Denver beat Houston 110-97, New York downed Philadelphia 136-119, Detroit defeated New Jersey 107-95, Washington beat Chicago 105-94 and Indiana nipped Cleveland 106-105.

Nicks 136, 76ers 119
Johnny Newman scored a season-high 29 points and Gerald Wilkins added 27 as the New York Knicks scored 45 points in the second quarter and went on to defeat the Philadelphia 76ers 136-119. Charles Barkley led 13 of his 31 points in the first quarter for the 76ers.

Pistons 107, Nets 95
Adrian Dantley scored 27 points and Isiah Thomas had 26 points and 12 assists as the Detroit Pistons snapped a season-high four-game losing streak with a 107-95 victory over the New Jersey Nets. Roy Hinson scored 20 points for the Nets.

Pacers 106, Cavaliers 105
Steve Stipanovich sank a pair of free throws with two seconds remaining giving Indiana a 106-105 victory over Cleveland and snapping the Pacers' four-game losing streak.

Bulls 105, Bulls 94
John Williams scored 23 points, leading the Washington Bulls to a 105-94 victory over the Chicago Bulls and snapping their three-game winning streak.

Michael Jordan led all scorers with 29 points for Chicago.

Nuggets 110, Rockets 97
Guard Lafayette Lever grabbed a career-high 21 rebounds and scored 22 points, leading the Denver Nuggets to their ninth consecutive victory, 110-97 over the Houston Rockets. Joe Barry Carroll scored 25 points for Houston.

Spurs 117, Warriors 104
Alvin Robertson scored 26 points and Frank Brickowski added 25 as the San Antonio Spurs defeated Golden State 117-104, the Warriors' sixth consecutive loss.

Lakers 94, Sonics 90
A.C. Green scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers rallied to defeat the Seattle SuperSonics 94-90.

Suns 111, Jazz 106
Armon Gilliam had 17 points and 12 rebounds while Walter Davis had 10 of his 16 points in the third period as the Phoenix Suns continued their homecourt mastery over Utah with a 111-106 victory.

Cruyff to coach Spanish team

MADRID, April 6. (Reuters) Johan Cruyff will almost certainly take over as Barcelona coach next season, Spanish state radio reported yesterday.

The radio said current coach Luis Aragones might be made manager of the club although he had told them he would not share a job with Cruyff and would not stay with Barcelona next season.

The comments came after Barcelona president Jose Luis Nuñez held a working dinner with Aragones and the players.

A club spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report and said no announcement would be made until the season ended.

Title fight

MILAN, Italy, April 6. (AP) World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight champion Sumbu Patrizio Kalambay will face American challenger Robbie Sims on June 12, the Italian boxer's manager said today.

The site for the 12-round title fight was not immediately decided.

Ross outplays Chang

CHICAGO, April 6. (UPI) John Ross defeated highly touted 16-year-old Michael Chang, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 yesterday to advance to the second round of a \$315,000 tennis tournament.

In a late match, Scott Davis defeated Tim Wilkison, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

Chang held service to open the third set, but Ross, a 24-year-old from Gainesville, Fla., broke service three times in winning the next six games.

Serving
Chang, from Placentia, Calif., recovered from an early deficit to win the first set in the tournament sponsored by Volvo. Unlike last year, this year's tournament does not count in the Grand Prix standings.

In the first set, Ross broke Chang's serve in the first and fifth games and was serving for the set at 5-4. But Chang held off one set point and broke Ross' service to even the set. Chang then held his serve and broke Ross again to win the set.

Ross broke Chang's service in the seventh game of the second set, and recorded two aces in the final game to even the match.

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Davis, 25, stormed to a 3-0 lead in the first set. After Wilkison broke service and pulled within 3-2, Davis won the final three games. Wilkison held his serve only once in the first set.

Wilkison recorded the second set's only break, in the fourth game.

Davis dominated Wilkison in the third set, breaking his first two services en route to a 5-0 lead.

In the day's first match, Jim Grabb defeated Matt Anger 7-6 (7-3), 6-3. Grabb broke Anger's service in the fourth game of the second set and coasted to victory, advancing to meet No. 8 seed Paul Annaccone in the second round.

Sammy Giammalva advanced with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 triumph over Marty Davis. Davis double-faulted on the match point. Giammalva meets No. 3 seed Brad Gilbert in the second round.

Lawson Duncan advanced with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 victory over Todd Wilkison. Duncan took advantage of a service break in the eighth game and will meet top-seeded Jimmy Connors in the next round.

Falcon rout Evergreen for crown

FALCON Cricket Club scored an 82-run victory over a powerful Evergreen side in the finals of the Patrons Trophy to clinch the title at the EPI ground earlier this week.

Falcon, after winning the toss and electing to bat, opened their innings through Nasser and Iqbal Rizvi. The openers took the score to 29 before Nasser was caught for 17.

Reduced
Except for Amin, who scored a patient 40, none of the other middle-order batsmen could face the Evergreen bowlers with any confidence and Falcon were reduced to 114 for the loss of six wickets at one stage.

Young Imran, coming in at No. 9, took the fight to Evergreen by hitting the bowlers all over the ground. Imran remained not out on 33 as Falcon reached 209 for the loss of nine wickets.

For Evergreen, Dawood, Rafiq and Rashid took the bowling honours with two wickets each.

Evergreen ran into some early trouble when they started to bat. Danny bowled Arshed in his first over and went on to dismiss Dawood a little later. Baber was lucky when he was dropped, try-



The Falcon skipper receives the trophy from the Pakistani ambassador

ing to hook a ball. The ball found the edge of his bat and went to Zahid, at short mid-wicket, who failed to hold on to it.

Baber got another chance when he was dropped again by Zahid off Danny. But Baber failed to avail the chances that came his way and was soon run

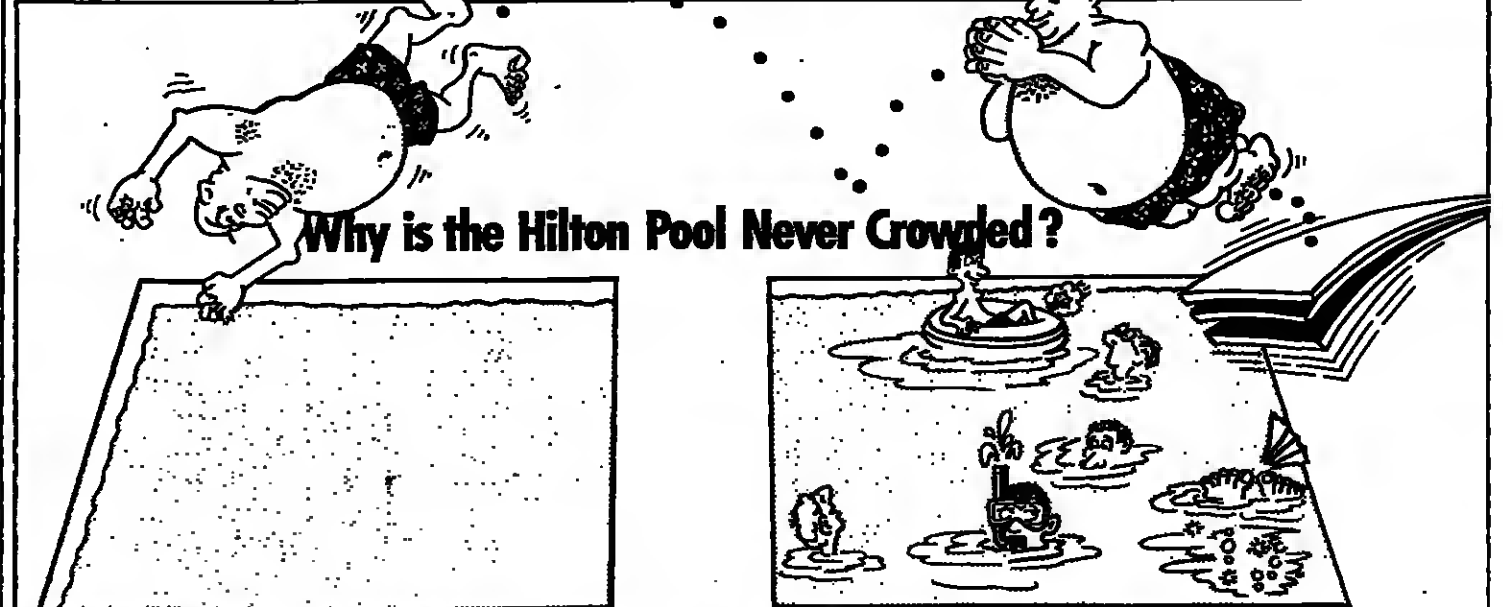
out.

Except for the Evergreen skipper Asad Baig, who hit 37, and Shehzad with an unbeaten 21, none of the other batsmen could come to terms with the Falcon bowling. Evergreen were all out for 126 with Danny, Aqueel and Sher Afzal taking two wickets

each. Amin took one wicket.

After the match Pakistan's Ambassador to Kuwait, Zahid Saad, gave away the prizes.

The prizes for the Thursday League tournament were also given away at the same occasion. Falcon finished at top in that tournament also.



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SPORTS

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Pakistan brush aside West Indies



Imran: Man of the Match

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 6, (Reuters): Pakistan captain Imran Khan and wrist-spinner Abdul Qadir bowled West Indies to their first defeat in a home Test for 10 years today.

Pakistan won the first match of the three-Test series by nine wickets after West Indies had been shot out for 172 in their second innings.

Pakistan, requiring 30 for victory, finished on 32 for one, scoring their runs off just 34 overs.

A fine blend of pace and spin undermined the home side on the fourth day. Imran, named Man of the Match, claimed four for 41 to finish with match figures of 11 for 121. Qadir took three for 66.

Dispute

The defeat was the first for West Indies in a home Test since the Australians won at Georgetown in April, 1978, when key members led by captain Clive Lloyd withdrew in a dispute with officials over team selection.

Resuming at 25 for one on the fourth morning needing 118 to make Pakistan bat again, West Indies saw their hopes of salvaging a draw seriously undermined in the opening 35 minutes.

Phil Simmons, without adding to his overnight score of 11, was

bowled off-stump in the third over of the day going back to Qadir's top-spinner.

Richie Richardson, who hit four fours off Qadir's opening over, followed him to the pavilion 10 runs later when he chased a wide ball from the wrist spinner and was well caught by wicketkeeper Salim Yousuf.

Gordon Greenidge, combining caution with aggression, and Gus Logie went some way to redressing the balance with a four-wicket stand of 65 in an hour before the irrepressible Imran played a vital hand.

He had Logie brilliantly caught, one-handed diving to his right, by Yousuf and then dismissed Greenidge for 43 in the penultimate over before lunch with the score on 120. The West Indies captain tried to cut Imran but got an inside edge to a ball that dipped in late and was bowled leg stump.

Imran should have dismissed Jeff Dujon in the first over after lunch but dropped a straightforward return catch.

However, Pakistan did not have to wait much longer for another success. Imran, whose every move seemed to be inspired, replaced himself with

occasional medium-pace bowler Shoaib Mohammad and he responded by taking wickets with successive balls.

Shoaib, whose previous 19 Tests had yielded one wicket, had Dujon caught by Imran at cover and Winston Benjamin caught at slip by Javed Miandad, whose century in the first innings helped Pakistan to a commanding lead.

Qadir chipped in with the wicket of Carl Hooper, who made a patient 30, and Imran returned to dismiss Courtney Walsh and Patrick Patterson with consecutive deliveries.

Despite losing Mudassar Nazar in the first over, Pakistan wasted no time in knocking off the required runs.

The match was a personal triumph for Imran, who was persuaded to come out of retirement for this series by his country's president, Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Imran has now taken 322 wickets in 71 Tests — and 64 of his victims have been West Indians in 13 Tests against the Caribbean team.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 292 (G. Logie 80, R. Richardson 75, Imran Khan seven for 80)

PAKISTAN first innings 435

(Javed Miandad 114, Salim Yousuf 62)

WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 25 for one)

D. Haynes b Faigh 5

P. Simmons b Qadir 11

R. Richardson c Yousuf b Qadir 16

G. Greenidge b Imran 43

G. Logie c Yousuf b Imran 24

C. Hooper c Malik b Qadir 30

J. Dujon c Imran b Shoaib 11

W. Benjamin c Miandad b Shoaib 10

C. Walsh c Yousuf b Imran 14

C. Ambrose not out 1

P. Patterson b Imran 0

Extras (b 4 lb 8 nb 5) 17

Total (all out) 172

Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-34 3-44 4-109 5-120 6-145 7-145 8-166 9-172

Bowling: Wasim 6-1-7-0 (nb-3)

Imran 14-4-41-4, Faigh 15-4-38-1

Qadir 25-5-66-3 (nb-2), Shoaib 2-0-8-2

PAKISTAN second innings

Mudassar Nazar lbw b Patterson 0

Rameez Raja not out 15

Shoaib Mohammad not out 13

Extras (nb-1) 1

Total (one wicket) 32

Fall of wicket: 1-0

Did not bat: Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmed, Imran Khan, Salim Yousuf, Ijaz Faigh, Wasim Akram, Abdul Qadir

Bowling: Patterson 2-0-19-1, Ambrose 1-4-0-10

Result — Pakistan won by nine wickets

Second Test — April 14-19 Port of Spain, Trinidad

Third Test — April 22-27 Bridgetown, Barbados



Forest's Paul Wilkinson (right) celebrates an own goal by Liverpool's Hansen (left) in last Saturday's match.

Forest seek repeat win over Liverpool

LONDON, April 6, (AP): Can Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest do it again?

After becoming only the second team to beat mighty Liverpool this season with a 2-1 League victory last week, Forest's unheralded youngsters meet the star-studded Merseyside team again on Saturday, this time in the semifinal of the FA (Football Association) Cup.

The winner of the clash, at neutral Hillsborough in the northern English city of Sheffield, will go to Wembley for the May 14 final and some 54,000 fans are expected to pack Sheffield Wednesday's ground.

Contract

A full house is likely to bring record gate receipts for Hillsborough, a stark contrast to the other match between Wimbledon and Luton Town, who are set to play before the lowest semifinal crowd since World War II.

The two are among the worst supported teams in Division One and, despite the lure of a Wembley final, fewer than 25,000 tickets had been sold by last night for the semifinal at Tottenham Hotspur's 48,000-capacity White Hart Lane ground in north London.

Forest is bidding to stop Liverpool winning the coveted Cup and League championship double for an unprecedented second time. It also is on to earn a first FA Cup final appearance for its colorful manager.

In some 30 years as a player and a manager, Clough has never been involved in the final of England's most prestigious Cup competition.

A record-breaking goalscorer in the late 1950s, Clough led both Derby County and Forest out of obscurity to League championship successes.

He took Derby to the semifinal of the European Champions' Cup in 1973 and then guided Forest to success in the same competition in 1979 and 1980.

Under Clough, Forest also won the less prestigious domestic Cup competition — the League (later Milk) Cup — in 1978 and 79. But the FA Cup has eluded Clough, whose abrasive manner probably ruled him out of becoming England manager in succession to Ron Greenwood.

Clough's often controversial comments via the media often led him into conflict with English soccer officials and, soon after Forest's second Champions' Cup triumph, he retreated into a shell of silence.

This season, however, Clough is bubbling again as his young Forest side takes shape.

And while last Saturday's League victory provided proof that Forest will prove a major force in next season's title race, this weekend's Cup match is regarded as a much bigger test.

For once, Liverpool does not go into the match as the clear favorite.

Runaway championship leader since October and having equalled a record of 29 games unbeaten from the start of the season, the Merseyside team has hit something of a sticky patch. Although Liverpool still has a commanding 11-point lead in the standings, it was won only one of its last five League games. Forest, meanwhile, has won its last three games and lies third.

Whiteside can go, say United

LONDON, April 6, (Reuters): Manchester United signalled the start of a transfer scramble for the talents of Northern Ireland international Norman Whiteside by granting his request for a move yesterday.

Alex Ferguson, manager of the English First Division club, said: "The club board has said that it is not club policy to retain players who don't want to play for Manchester United."

"The board has therefore accepted Whiteside's request and

is reluctantly prepared to consider offers."

Whiteside, 22, who won a first team place at United when he was only 16, has since played almost 200 League games for the club. He represented Northern Ireland at the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals.

Ferguson, who said he rated Whiteside in the £1.5 to £2 million (\$2.8 to 3.7 million) bracket, made it clear that Whiteside would not be joining a British club, even in an exchange deal.

Menotti joins River Plate

BUENOS AIRES, April 6, (Reuters): Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning coach Cesar Luis Menotti has agreed to sign an 18-month contract with River Plate, a local daily said yesterday.

Menotti, sacked last month by Spain's Atletico Madrid, will become general manager of football at the Argentine club on June 1, Pagina 12 said.

It said Menotti and River Plate president Hugo Santilli had "signed a pre-contract" and made a pact not to announce the deal until the contract of current coach Carlos Griguol expired at the end of next month.

Brazil's youngsters badly nourished, says official

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 6, (Reuters): Brazil's under-15 soccer team on their recent European tour were at a disadvantage because some were "badly nourished," team doctor Serafim Borges said yesterday.

"Our children, most of them badly nourished, do not have the health to face young Europeans who are much stronger physically," Borges told reporters at the Brazilian Football Association (CBF) headquarters.

The Brazilians drew two and lost the other five matches of their three-week long European tour.

"I felt sorry for our kids. Before our first match against England, they were absolutely panicked when they saw the size of the English players. They couldn't believe they were going to

Tauson to meet Becker in Davis Cup

(REUTERS): Michael Tauson, officially rated 399th in the world but endowed with seemingly mystical powers in the Davis Cup, will endeavour to add to the legend when he confronts Boris Becker this week.

The 21-year-old Danish tennis champion, flanked by Morten Christensen, and Michael Mortensen, enters the West German camp tomorrow seeking to lead his country into the world group semifinals.

For a nation bereft of tennis heroes since the stirring deeds of Kurt Nielsen and Torben Ulrich some 30 years ago, Denmark's presence among the elite of the modern era adds a touch of romance to an intriguing quarter-final programme.

Without

Holders Sweden combat the sorcery of Miloslav Mecir and his Czechoslovak cohorts in Norrköping, Australia visit Clermont-Ferrand in France without Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, and Slobodan Zivjonicovic spearheads Yugoslavia's contest with Italy in Belgrade.

Though his modest computer ranking indicates Tauson will be tilting at West German windmills in the Festhalle, Frankfurt, the Dane's past adventures provide a tale rich in valour.

In the previous round he beat Emilio Sanchez, ranked 18th in the world, and Sergio Casal (105th) in Denmark's 3-2 victory over Spain in Aarhus, and last year he defeated rising Austrians Thomas Muster (60th) and Horst Skoff (62nd) to secure Denmark's promotion to the world group.

Met his conquests do not include anyone of Becker's stature and the new WCT champion now returning to something approaching his 1985 and 1986 Wimbledon form, rarely submits in front of his own court of supporters.

The victors in Frankfurt will meet the winners of the Yugoslavia-Italy tie in the semifinals in July.

There was a spell when four times winners Sweden, who have reached five successive Davis Cup finals, would dread the idea of challenging the great Mecir, illusionist extraordinaire with the uncanny gift of making tennis balls drop in the most unlikely places.

He has gained notoriety as the "Swede-slayer," but his whimsical genius can disappear in a puff of chalk dust and Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg should be able to solve Mecir's puzzles over five sets.

Even with the inspirational leadership of Cash, who masterminded their 1983 and 1986 Davis Cup triumphs, Australia would have struggled to contain France on a specially laid indoor clay court.

While Denmark, their participation in the 1989 world group already secure, continue to pursue the impossible dream in this year's competition, two nations with proud tennis traditions will be enduring indignities elsewhere.

The United States, who must beat Peru then probably Argentina in Buenos Aires to regain world group status, will be looking to 17-year-old Andre Agassi and Jay Berger, 21, to rekindle the old fire in their American zone semifinal in Lima.

But India, who won a host of friends in defeat in last year's final against Sweden in Gothenburg, face at least three years in the wilderness following their decision not to go ahead with the world group relegation playoff against Israel in Tel Aviv.

Benfica outplay Steaua in Cup

BUCHAREST, April 6, (Reuters): Benfica Lisbon, the 1961 and 1962 winners, outplayed, out-thought and out-fought 1986 Champions Steaua Bucharest in the first leg of their European Cup semifinal today.

Despite the final 0-0 scoreline, Benfica were in a lively attacking mood, though goalkeeper Silvino was forced into two great saves in the closing minutes as Steaua launched a furious onslaught.

The Romanian Army team, who beat Barcelona on penalties in the final in Seville two years ago to become the first East European club to win the Champions' Cup, surrendered control of the midfield early on and never regained the initiative.

Steaua's exciting attack, the

dominant factor against Glassgow Rangers' in the quarterfinals, was well held by a Portuguese defence superbly marshalled by Jose Mozer, and neither mercenary winger Marius Lacatus nor Gheorghe Hagi — the "Romanian Maradona" — were allowed to exert any influence.

"This result opened the way to the final for us," said a happy Benfica manager Toni Oliveira. "In the second half, except on a few occasions, we had control and had several scoring chances."

After Gavril Balint twice went close in an opening flurry, Steaua became subdued and Romanian goalkeeper Peter Lilic needed two attempts to smother a shot from Benfica

midfielder Antonio Pacheco in the seventh minute.

Pacheco also went close after 36 minutes when he collected a pass and forced a fine save from Lilic.

The Portuguese short-passing game and close-control continued to confuse Steaua and Brazilian import Chiquinho, a constant menace on the right, carved out a number of chances for strikers Rui Aguas and Diamantino.

Inspired by the prospect of a second-leg in front of their own 120,000 fans in Lisbon, Benfica's dominance was even more marked after the interval when international midfielder Fernando Chalana came on as substitute to add further confusion in the Romanian ranks.

But Benfica became complacent in the dying minutes and almost paid the penalty in the 88th minute when Lacatus found Constantin Cojocaru with a perfect cross and Silvino only just turned away the substitute's shot.

Silvino was also called upon to hold a header from Cojocaru from a pass by Hagi a minute later.

"We played to only 50 per cent of our ability," a disappointed Steaua coach Anghel Iordanescu said. "But in Lisbon it will be Benfica who must attack and maybe we shall have a better chance."

West German referee Karl Heinz Trischler booked Benfica's Dito in an otherwise sporting match.

Iraq withdraw from Asian Cup qualifiers

KUALA LUMPUR, April 6, (Kuna): Iraq this evening decided to withdraw from the Group B Asian Cup soccer qualifying round in protest against revised fixtures for the tournament starting here tomorrow.

The Iraqis, who arrived two days ago, said that they were not informed of the new fixtures by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and that they would not play unless the organisers stuck to the original schedule.

Iraq Football Association secretary-general Saleem Al Khudhairi and his delegation walked out of the team managers' meeting this evening after their appeal was turned down.

AFC general-secretary Peter Velappan has given the Iraqis until 9 am tomorrow to change their mind but Al Khudhairi said the deadline did not matter as they would not change their stand.

Incident

Asked if he feared any repercussions, Al Khudhairi expressed confidence that the incident would not affect his country's appearance in the Seoul Olympics in September.

He said Iraq Olympic Council president Uday Saddam Hussein had already informed FIFA president Dr Joao Havelange yesterday of their position here and is awaiting the Fifa chief's reply.

SPORTS BRIEFS

English teams

EAST BERLIN, April 6, (Reuters): Britain's Sports Minister Colin Moynihan said today he was giving the European Football Union (UEFA) two reports to help it decide whether to readmit English teams to the continent's three club competitions.

World basketball

GHENT, Belgium, April 6, (Reuters): Argentina has been confirmed as the venue for the 1990 World Basketball Championships after supplying the sport's governing body with a bank guarantee of \$3.3 million, officials said today.

Semifinal clash

LONDON, April 6, (Reuters): Wimbledon striker John Fashanu is fighting to recover from a hamstring injury in time for the English Football Association (FA) Cup semifinal clash with Luton on Saturday.

Argentina coach

BUENOS AIRES, April 6, (Reuters): Carlos Bilardo, who guided Argentina to victory in the 1986 World Cup, has defended his team's disappointing showing in last weekend's West Berlin four-nation soccer tournament.

Flamengo win

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 6, (Reuters): Rio's Flamengo easily beat Estudiantes de la Plata of Argentina 3-0 (1-0) advancing to the next round of the South American Champions Soccer Supercup, at the Maracana stadium last night.

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday morning:

N/S: 1. Bianca Moussalli & Anna McNelly 2. Lolli Marthwaite & Nahl Akel 3. Ann Cox & Doris Kimber E/W: 1. Rima Farah & Nicole Iskander 2. Janine Akel & Camilla Gulgais 3. Janice Bridges & Alice Nasir

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

N/S: 1. Ignace Meouchi & Marcel Zaninri 2. Ahmed Tawil & Mamdouh Sabri 3. Mrs. Dona Materny & Sheria Rasmisi E/W: 1. Desmond Pereira & Ravi Bhai 2. M. Merchant & M. Zafar 3. K.T. Simon & Draba Mukherjee

Arab golf tourney gets underway

WITH 40 players from ten nations taking part, the ninth Arab Golf Championship gets underway today at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai — and all eyes will be on the Arab world's leading amateur player, the 26-year-old Egyptian Mohammed Ramy.

The national teams represented are Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. With four players in each team, there are several countries capable of producing excellent scores.

Held under the auspices of

Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashid, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Crown Prince of Dubai, the three-day tournament will provide a tough test of the calibre of Arab golfers.

The Bahrainis, with four of the best players in the Gulf, are fancied to repeat their victories of the past two championships, but Egypt are a formidable side and there could be a few surprises from several other sides, including the UAE.

"We are optimistic," said Bahraini captain Adel Alfayyadh. "If we are going to do something, in Bahrain, only

the greens are grass and I am very impressed by this magnificent championship course. I think it is a wonderful contribution to the future of golf in the Middle East."

Good

Two of the Bahraini players, Abdullah Sultan Al Hakam and Yousif Yacoub Saleh are two-handicap golfers while Diab Sujer Al Noami and Diab Ahmed Abdullah play off three.

The general consensus is that the Bahrainis will have to be particularly good to beat Egypt — and even the Egyptians say so themselves.

Al Kuwait win amateur judo championship

AL KUWAIT Sports Club won the First Sheikh Mubarak Al Abdullah Al Jaber Amateur Judo Championship, held under the patronage of Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Sabah, at the Kuwait Club on Monday evening.

Al Qadisi finished second in the championship while Al Salmiya took the third position.

Besides the senior participants, 52 young judoists took part in the events for the under-12 and under-14. Before the start of the event, the judo coach at the Kuwait Club and some of his students took part in exhibition bouts.

Tough

The exhibition bouts were followed by fights in the 55-kilogram division. In this division Sami Mohammed Saleh emerged as winner while Yousif Ibrahim was second. There was a tough fight in the 25-kilogram class with Eid Mohammed Jassem taking the top spot. Meshal Yousif was second and Khaled Abdullah third.

Following were the results in the other divisions:

29 kilograms: Ali Timah, first. Jaber Ahmed second and Mohamed Abaid third.

34 kilograms: Munther Karim first. Yaser Abdullah in second and Abas Mohamed and Sulaiman Al Sabah third.

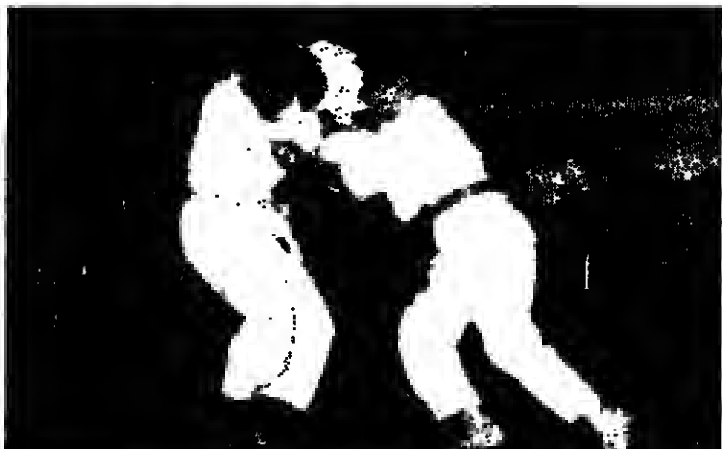
40 kilograms: Omar Faisal got the first place, Fawaz Motawa second, Saleh Abdul Hadi and Fahad Al Ghanim third.

47 kilograms: Husam Abiad Jaber first, Jarah Abdullah second, and Bader Naser and Bader Rasheed third.

Over 47 kilograms: Faisal



All the winners with their prizes.



Two of the youths in action.

Fahad first, Majed Sultan second and Fahad Al Barjas third.

52 kilograms: Mohamad Hasan first, Mazen Mohamad second and Abdullah Saad and Khaled Abdul Amir third.

61 kilograms: Mohamad

Naser first, Nawaf Abdul Aziz Al Bahar second and Mohamed Shams Al Din third place.

Above 61 kilograms: Abdullah Hussain first, Musab Ali second and Ibrahim Abdul Rahman third.

66 kilograms: Osama



One of the winners receives his prize.



Senior judoists in an exhibition bout.

Mohamad first, Raed Ahmad second and Wadi Mohamed and Hamad Mohamed third.

75 kilograms: Jassem Mohamed first, Mohamed Aayed second, and Adil Farsh and Jamal Sabti third.

Above 75 kilograms: Bilal

Mohamad first, Yaser Ibrahim second, and Khaled Taha and Abdul Aziz Dali third.

Under 46 kilograms youth division: Walid Mohamad Qasem was first, Fahad Walid second, and Imad Murtadi and Sadoun Dili took third position.

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